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#### Laker wins six-month respite

The immediate financial prob-lems of Laker Airways appear to have been solved. It is understood that agreement has been reached to reschedule loan repayments of £190m, and that the aircraft manufacturers McDonnell Douglas and Airbus Industrie have played a leading

part in the arrangement.

This would give Laker Airways a "breathing space" of at least six months in which to sort out its finances. But the situation could force Sir Fred-die Laker, the chairman, to abandon his cheap fares policy as part of plans necessary to improve the airline's cash-flow. Laker's merchant bankers, Samuel Montagu and Co, are expected to indicate that agreement has been reached between 27 European banks to allow a relaxation of the debt repayments.

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#### Nigerian threat to exports

British exports to Nigeria, worth more than £1,200m, could be at risk after a budget speech by the Nigerian President. His aim to halt the decline in the country's official reserves could mean a curb on imports

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#### No public cash for Land's End

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environ-ment, has decided that the appeal for E500,000 of government money to help buy Land's End for the nation cannot be justified. The decision caused confusion at the National Trust Back page

#### **Trident TV** buys Playboy

Playboy Enterprises said in Chicago last night it had signed a formal agreement to sell nearly all its gambling operations in Britain to Trident Television for a reduced price of \$26m. The deal includes five gambling casinos a 50 per cept interest casinos, a 50 per cent interest in two other casinos and 80 betting shops.

#### Budget call to finance ministers

EEC finance ministers have been called on to try to resolve the dispute about the 1982 budget. The European Parliament has produced an amended proposal for more money to go to economic development
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#### Sprout shortage

Hard frosts have reduced supplies of brussels sprouts by harvesting frozen crops, which deteriorate speedily. Only a prolonged mild spell will avert a critical shortage at Christmas

#### ACC director

Mr Robert Holmes a'Court, the Australian newspaper and tele-vision station owner, has joined the board of Lord Grade's Associated Communications Corporation and taken three per cent of the voting shares Page 15

#### Namibia step

The West's revised constitu tional guidelines for Namibian independence were handed to Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, who said the process appeared to be "still on the tracks"

## World Cup agent

Hunter Davies talks to the man who is not only the agent of Kevin Keegan, one of England's leading footballers, but also looks after the fluancial interests of England's World Cup team Page 19

#### Everest assault

The British team under Chris Bonington which will attempt to climb Everest next year by the unconquered east-northeast ridge has been announced. The climb will be made in Alpine style Page 3

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## Seven miners shot dead by troops in Katowice

By Our Foreign Staff

Besides the arrest of Solidarity members. Western diplomatic reports speak of a crackdown against intellectuals

and academics. About 100 mem-bers of the Polish Academy of

Science are said to have been arrested on Tuesday, including the President, Mr Geysztor. Most of those detained were later released, including Mr Geysztor.

It is also rumoured that university and polytechnic lecturers in Warsaw have been

dismissed, and that in Wroclaw musicians and actors have been

Carrington plea: In his most

outspoken statement so far on Poland, Lord Carrington yester

bourg).

"This alone", he told members of the European Parliament here. "can produce a solution to Poland's problems."

Lord Carrington said he was

ready to arrange urgent con-sultations on Poland if neces-sary. In the 48 hours since the

EEC foreign ministers had met in London, he said, "the Polish skies have continued to

He went on: "We are fam-iliar with natural disasters, but here in the heart of our con-tinent is a man-made disaster on a colossal scale."

Walesa arrest: Mr Pawel Cieslar, the Polish Ambassador

to Sweden, confirmed yester-day that Mr Lech Walesa was

under house arrest in a villa outside Warsaw (John Withe-row writes from Stockholm).

to the arrest while appearing on Swedish radio to defend the

Officially the Polish Govern-ment has only admitted that

Mr Walesa is negotiating with

Resgan concern: President

Reagan said today that coercion

and violation of human rights on a massive scale had taken

place in Poland and he was

Reagan statement and Lurie

Britoil should be established

as an operating company by autumn next year and the Government is hopeful that shares will be offered in the

board is not ruled out.

North Sea.

Mr Lawson was at pains to emphasize that the Govern-ment would continue to retain

strategic control of North Sea

son are not likely to be

improved by the new powers which he is seeking to break

up the corporation's monopoly in the purchase and supply of

Measures sought by the

Energy Secretary will enable private companies to supply gas to industrial consumers and

allow them access to the cor-poration's pipeline network.

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the authorities.

gravely concerned.

Lawson unveils oil

and gas sale Bill

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

The first stage of the Government's controversial plans nationalities involved. Britoil should be establed interests of the British National as an operating companion of Corporation and the British autumn next year and

He made a passing reference

In the first admission of bloodshed by the Polish authorities since the military takeover, Warsaw radio reported last night that seven workers had been killed and 39 injured in a clash in the south of the country.

The incident occurred when security forces opened fire on Wednesday on strikers who attacked them at a mine in Katowice, as Warsaw radio put it. In the Baltic port of the military presence is

Katowice, as Warsaw radio put it. In the Baltic port of Gdansk, where Solidarity was founded, 164 civilians and 162 members of the security forces were injured in violence, the

The reports appear to con-firm the general impression that while Warsaw is calm and quiet, under complete military control, the struggle of the workforce in Polish mines and factories may now be wide-

factories may now be widespread.

The radio, monitored in Vienna, said that "forces of order" opened fire after being attacked by striking workers, armed with axes, stones and other implements, who tried to prevent them emering the Wujek colliery at Katowice. There were 41 wounded among the security forces.

Members of the Politburo, including two elected at the last party congress, have been

including two elected at the last party congress, have been arrested and detained by the military suthorities, according to diplomatic sources reaching Western capitals yesterday.

They are said to be Mr. Hieronium Kubiak and Mr. Jan Labadia who are both.

Labecki, who are both regarded as liberals. If the reports were confirmed, it would indicate that the new military regime has scant regard for the party leadership. Mr Kubiak, a university pro-fessor from Cracow, was an advocate of the national front which had been proposed to embrace Solidarity, the Roman-Catholic Church and the party.

He had increasingly become frustrated with the way Soll-darity was rejecting proposals from the party, and had seen the situation heading for con-

Mr Labecki is from the Lenin shioyard in Gdansk, where Mr Lech Walesa emerged to lead Solidarity. He attracted immediate attention when he became a member of the Politburo during the July party congress by the very fact

that he was a worker.

A distinct liberal in party terms, he spoke after his election of the need to be politieccountable to workers, and cut a relaxed.

According to Polish diplomatic sources abroad, the Poles insist that the decision to impose marrial law was entirely their own. It has even been suggested that General Wojciech Jaruzeiski, the Prime Minister, informed Moscow of the operation only last Friday, and that Poland's East European allies were not told until the next day, just a few hours before the move.

Warsaw radio claimed last

Gas Corporation could be com-pleted by the end of next year and is likely to yield £1,400m. Mr Nigel Lawson, Energy

Secretary, yesterday introduced the Bill which will enable the Government initially to dis-pose of the corporation's oil

production interests and will sweep away the British Gas monopoly on purchases of gas, curtail its monopoly in gas supply by opening the market

supply by opening the market
to private competition, and
provide the machinery for the
disposal of the gas corporation's oil production activities.
The Bill attracted further
broadsides from trade union
leaders and Opposition MPs.
Mr Merlyn Rees, Opposition
spokesman on energy, said:
"This Bill is a parliamentary,
financial and national disgrace.
It gives extraordinary, extra-

It gives extraordinary, extra-parliamentary powers to the Secretary of State to do what he likes, how he likes, when he

likes, with our, vital national

energy assets ".

Similar sentiments were expressed by Mr John Edmonds, national energy officer of the General and Municipal Work-

ers' Union who said after the

Bill's first reading: "A drupken sailor would be more

careful than this Government in

squandering valuable assets". Mr Lawson, speaking at a press conference after publi-

cation of the Bill, underlined

the Government's espousal of the privatization route to make

state corporations more effi-client, and said of the Bill: "It will allow the creation of

a thriving new British oil com-pany, to be known as Britoil,

with a wide spread of owner-ship by the British public. The

articles of association will

revent unacceptable changes

Hotel Viktoria Warsaw

## Cold cells for the thousands who err

The following letter to the editor from Roger Boyes, The Times correspondent in Warsaw, was received in London yester-

Poland's new military leadership is rounding up-several thousand dissident intellectuals, writers, and union activists in an effort to stamp out any potential opposition. Western diplomats talk of 15,000 arrests but other sources have estimated the total to be at least three times Although Warsaw is orderly, the military presence is reported to be high. A large number of police and military vehicles are in evidence, with roadblocks east of the Vistula. The main deployment of troops is said to be west of the river.

Church sources say that Church sources say that there is a move to concentrate as many of the internees as possible in the Bialeleka jail outside Warsaw. Conditions are said to be extremely bad with most cells having no water or heating. The prisoners are technically "interned under the statutes of the state of war" and most have not been charged.

It is sufficient grounds for arrest, to be suspected of future involvement in opposi-tion activities. That has created a particularly wide net and secret police, often backed by troops, have been extremely active after the 10 o'clock cur-few over the past four days.

Almost all the Solidarity leadership has been arrested-98 union activists are held in Gdansk—though there are mixed reports about the fare of Mr Lech Walesa, still techday called for the release of all those detained and an early resumption of negotiation and conciliation in the country (Ian Murray writes from Strasnically the chairman of Solid arity. Some sources, within the Church, say he is being held virtually incommunicado in a government villa outside Warsaw—in a snuggled message be is understood to have said: "I see only trees and tanks"— while other reports suggest he has since been moved to a

#### Long standing ambition -

The pattern underpinning the arrests is to deny the nascent opposition any kind of base, either within the church or intellectuals. Journalists and writers who could have written critical pamphlets have been arrested, including the deputy chairman of the Polish PEN Club. (Pax. the Catholic PEN Club. (Pax, the Catholic intellectual organisation has been dissolved, and other Catholics outside the organisa-

tion have been arrested Most members of KOR, the workers' self-defence commitworkers sendeneate commit-tee—effectively Solidarity's think tank—are being held, a long standing ambition of the Polish Government even in its most reformist mood. Histormost reformist mood. Historians, sociologists and philosophers from the Academy of Science have been detained after trying to stage a sitin, and organizers of the dissident seminar, "Flying University", active in the mid-1970s have also been arrested, although it has not been active for some time. In a strong statement, he said thousands of trade union leaders and intellectuals had for some time.

Students active in the 1976 riots—now frequently young professional people without any strong political leanings—bave also been picked ap. However, it is significant that the security forces have not arrested any deputies from the Seim, the Polish Parliament

The military council of national salvation, as the new leadership has named itself, rules with and through the Council of Ministers. That is to say, most ministers have kept to say, most ministers have kept their portfolios. But under normal circumstances governmental decisions would have to be submitted to the critical scrutiny of the Sejm, which has developed considerable independence over the past year and indeed has shown sympathy shares will be offered in the company by the year end, although the timing will be shaped by marker considerations. The company will encompass BNOC's offshore production interests and the public will be offered 51 per cent of the equity, likely to yield £900m for the Exchequer. The Government is expected to retain the balance of the equity and the possibility of government nominated directors being appointed to the board is not ruled out. with Solidarity.

The military leadership has eliminated this problem by cancelling the scheduled sessions of the Sejm and this in turn allows it to preserve a semblance of respect for con-stitutional niceries and removes the need to arrest deputies. The big problem lies with the re-formist wing of the party and the non-Solidarity reformers.

#### Sources of qualified optimism

oil resources through existing statutory powers and through continued 100 per cent ownership of BNOC's oil trading activities. BNOC has the right, General Jaruzelski had represented, until about two weeks ago, a source of qualified optimism: here at least was a through participation agree-ments, to take up to 51 per cent of all oil produced in the party chief who swore by dia-logue with Solidarity and the Church. Now the reformers are an embarrassment for the regime; economic reform, in the sense of decentralization, North Sea.

Yesterday's Oil and Cas
(Enterprise) Bill also paves
the way for the privatization
of the offshore oil interests of will almost certainly be abandoned and political reform is almost inconceivable in a situation where the ruling party has a minimal say in the running of the country. British Gas although the timing of that disposal has yet to be determined. Brirish Gas has strongly opposed the oil sell-off plan and relationships with Mr Law-

Reformists in the party fear the worst and reformists close to but outside the party—such as Mr Stefan Bratkovsky, the president of the union of journalists, are understood to be in hiding. A full scale confrontation will mean a continuation of the internant of the internant. of the internment programme and precious little comfort for the reform movement in Poland:

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Mr Livingstone outlining his options yesterday: "We have three months to save London Transport"

## Mellish decision to stay delights Foot

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter-

Mr Robert Mellish, the former Labour Chief Whip, rewarded Mr Michael Foot for his recent offersive against the far left by abneuncing last night that he would not resign as MP for Southwark, Bernand. sey, and precipitate a potenti-ally disastrous by-election for

ally disastrous by-election for the party.

With the decision of Bermondsey Labour Party last night to stand by Mr Peter. Tarchell, as prespective parliamentary candidate to succeed Mr Mellish, Mr Foot, the party leader, expects there to be a long and bruising struggle between the local party and the national executive committee. national executive committee which has refused to endorse Mr Tatchell

Mr Mellish's decision, cheered loudly when it was announced not a meeting of the parliamentary party, gives. Mr Foot at least some time to

try to resolve the crisis.

Mr Mellish's statement came Mr Mellish's statement came during a parliamentary party debate on the state of the party in which one speaker after another rose to attack Mr Wedgwood Berin for his recent speeches for allying himself with the far left. Mr Foot challensed Mr Benn to name Labour MPs whom Mr Benn had caimed in a speech in Bermondsey on Tuesday night, had threstened to defect to the Social Democrats when Mr Foot disowned Mr Tatchell.

The debate opened with an

The debate opened with an emotional speech by Mr Laurence Pavit who told of the difficulties he had been facing from extremists in his constituency, Brent, South-He said that Mr Benn was an articulate, able man who had done much for the party, but his two livaties to the but his two hipsities, to the party in the country and the parliamentary party causing great stress

### Car blast blamed on Iran agents

By Hazhir Teimourian The car bomb which exploded in Lundon last Sun-

exploded in Landon last Sun-day, killing two Iranians and seriously injuring a third, was being carried by Iranian Gov-ernment agent with the aim of killing supporters of the anti-Khomeini Mujahedin guerrillas who were gathered at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, it was claimed yesterday by exiled representatives of the Mujahedin .

They cited the explosion as the latest example of arracks on them by the Iranian Government and produced apparently genuine documents indicating that a campaign of sabotage and violence was being organized by Tehran against exiled opponents of the regime.

A spokesman for the Iranian Embassy in London denied the allegations. He said Mr Kurosh-Fulady, the woulder driver of the car, had been dismissed from his post as a doorman at the embassy on November 25 for "lack of discipline".

He added that if any money had been sent abroad from Tehran for sabotage none of it

Mr Benn, who followed Mr Pavitt, was said to have immediately turned the meeting against himself by saying:
"We are not going to get anywhere by reminiscing about difficulties in our constitu

Those MPs waiting to hear from Me Benn an explanation of his claim, the previous day to be the rightful deputy leader of the party were disappointed. During a speech in which he seemed deliberately to be steering clear of controversy.

Mr Benn was constantly heckled. He particularly upset his colleagues with a remark that the parliamentary party should start work now on the

Mr Foot said later that it was a fravesty of the truth to suggest that work had not been

By far the most bitter criti-cism of Mr Benn came from cism of Mr Benn came from Mr Peter Snage, the Tribunite MP for West Bromwich, East. He told Mr Benn that he should resolve the divisions at the top of the party by lighting Mr Foot for the leadership.

In January, Michael Foot should resign and stand for the leadership. Tony Benn should stand against him. Michael Foot would win and Tony Benn would be humiliated. Saying that Mr Foot had been bumiliated betrayed, and harassed Mr Snape said that he would not appeal to Mr Benn's better nature because he does not have a better nature.

because he does not have a better nature."

Idr Akan Williams, MP for Swansea, West, accused Mr. Benn, in his various public statements, of ignoring the achievements of the last Labour Government, Turning mwards him, he asked: "How long are you going to commune this nonsense campaign?"

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#### Pitmen ask for thermal underwear

From Ronald Kershaw

As Yorkshire shivered under the lowest temperatures recor-ded for years, Elsecar main colliery, near Barnsley, was brought to a standstill yester-day by striking miners com-plaining of the cold.

planing of the cold.

Six transfer point attendants who oversee conveyor belts between the coalface and the pit bottom asked the National Coal Board to provide them with thermal underwear.

The management at the pit told them that was not possible and instead offered to send down regular helpings of hot soup. That was not acceptable and the attendants walked off the job. The colliery workforce came out in sympathy.

A board spokesman arknowledged that the attendants had one of the coldest jobs. They work in the cold anstream that

work in the cold airstream that is drawn into the colliery for ventilation, and are supplied with warm underclothes, outer clothing and donkey jackets.
Internal underwear the
spokesman said, was not available

The board said that no discussions could start on the men's grievance until normal working was resumed ... Freeze goes on, page 2

## Fares will jump, **GLC** warns

By Frances Gibb and David Walker

We have three months in which to save London Transport. Mr. Livingstone said. Without legislation by March 21, there could be a 200 percent rise in fares, loss of 15,000.

cial chaos."

The reaction of Sir Peter-

But the ruling was attacked by Mc Michael Foot, the Oppo-sition leader, who predicted it

stinn leader, who predicted it would have very serious consequences for travellers in London, and there were clashes between MPs when Mr Norman Arkinson, Labour MP for Total Control of the Control of t

tenham, claimed the judgment was an extra-parliamenty political instrument and would be seen by Londoners

reverse the way London Trans-

The Greater London Council ON OTHER PAGES is to urge Parhament to pass.

is to urge Parliament to pass emergency legislation to overtide the effect of the mannmous ruling by the Law Lords
yesterday that its Fares fair scheme was idlegal

Fredicting that London's transport system would suffer devastating damage in the wake of the ruling, Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the council, said he was seeking an immediate meeting with Mr David Howelt, Secretary of State for Transport.

principles to ensure, so far as practicable, that no avoid-able loss fails on the rate-

payers."

The Act, he said, did not entitle the GLC and LT executive to "accept at an objective of policy a deficit, merely because it best meets what they regard as the interests of the

cent rise in fares, loss of 15,000 jobs (one quarter) in London Transport, and the scrapping of whole but, and Underground rouses; in sum a major and dramatic contraction of transport in London.

But Mr Howell yesterday black cresponsibility for hearing up the confusion on the shoulders of the GLC. They must clean up the mess he said the respected the problems it presented London Transport hut added. This crisis is entirely the fault of the CLC meeting of the council on languaged in seven months of folly to create financial chaos."

because it best meets what they regard as the interests of the trayelling public and transport needs. The Conservative controlled Bromley Borough Council, which challenged the extra rate was jubilant at the decision. Mr Deonis Barkway, leader of the council, said: "What we have seen today is the full our society, which is a demonstrate of the Council on languaged in seven meeting of the council on languaged in seven poissons of the ruling. But Mr Livingstone yesterday

panophy of the law at work in our society, which is a democracy under the law?

The GLC is to call a full meeting of the council on January 12 to discuss the implications of the rading But Mr Livingstone yesterday reflected the council's determination to make a head with Masefield chairman of London mination to press ahead with Transport, was that Londoners the chesper fares policy. "The would face an imprecedented Labour group is determined to fares increase of 150 per tent." Labour group is determined to stay in office and fight to improve the could be seen that the could be seen to the



Without emergency legisla Withour emergency legisla-tion, London Transport's £70m deficit would have to be offset either by a supplementary rate; probably of fround 5p, which almost mateires the 6.1p rate, challenged by Bromley. So Londoners will still face a supplementary rate increase.

fares, they will not have cheaper fares, he said.

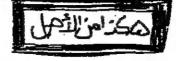
Alternatively, London Fransport would have to be given a substantial loan from central Government, which would be paid to be substantial to b as political biss. paid off over a period by in-in judgments that will creating fares and cutting ser-

reverse the way London Transport has been run for a decade. In the meantime, the supple the Lords said the transport mentary rate already level to system should be run on pay for the fares cut would businesslike lines and should have to be given back to rate strive to break even Only on payers. About £15m, or 8 per that basis could the GLC subsite cent of the tetal, had so far dize it.

The Transport Art 1989, councils But the administrative Cost of so doing would run the London Transport Erecutive to follow, so far as the councils But the administrative cost of follow, so far as the councils but the administrative to follow, so far as the Lords decision had improved the financial policy plicasions not only for London to see if was run on business. Continued on back page, cul 3

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# Doubt on ratepayers' refunds

Ratepayers will have to wait several weeks before they know if the Lords decision means refunds or, conceivably, extra rates. Mr David Hopkins, treasurer

of the City of Westminster Borough Council, which is taking a leading part in elucidating the decision on behalf of the London Boroughs Association, said yesterday: "I will be doing everything I can to

in pence a pound of rateable value). The £15m of that precept collected by the GLC before Lord Denning's decision ought to be refunded to the borough councils which col-

Meanwhile the boroughs will continue to pay to the GLC the money collected on behalf of the Inner London Education Authority. So far only £5m. of the £35m demanded by the authority has been raised; but most beroughs are paying the authority in instalments and will chase their ratepayers for the content of the conte

the appropriate amounts.

The arithmetic of the GLC's supplementary rate was as follows. The boroughs were asked to pay the equivalent of 16.6p a pound; the GLC asked for 11.9p and the ILEA 4.7p.

Of the GLC's precept, 6.1p was to cover the fares subsidy and certain other items and

was to cover the fares subsidy and certain other items and 5.8p was to cover the withdrawal by the Department of the Environment of rate support grant because the GLC was overspending.

Paradoxically, the GLC could benefit by the restoration of the cash equivalent of that 5.8p (about £100m) by the Government. The Department of the Environment confirmed last night that such a ment of the Environment confirmed last night that such a
refund was theoretically possible if the GLC, by withdrawing its subsidy to London
Transport, was within the
spending target given it by
the department.
Whether the GLC now
refunds to the boroughs the
precept it collected for fares
depends on whether it

depends on whether it attempts to raise a fresh supplementary rate. When the boroughs receive such a refund they have to decide

#### Fare rises: 150pc blow for London Londoners face an unpre-

cedented 150 per cent fare increase on bus and Underground services after yester-day's Lords' decision, London Transport said yesterday. The result could be a loss of between 30 and 50 per cent of

London Transport, described the likely impact on services as barsh. He said new legislation might be needed in view of the Lords' "surprising" interpretation of the Transport (London) Act, 1969. "It appears that the judg-

ment means that a substantial increase in fares will be inevitable. If these changes have to he implemented as soon as practicable they must seriously tended is undermine the standard of he added. public transport in London." The objections are standard to the standard of the added. Other effects would include a cut in staff of 1,500, about 5 per cent of the workforce, would be a further increase to through natural wastage.

Hine.

The connoisseurs'

cognac.

Reports by Michael Baily, Marcel Berlins, David Felton, David Nicholson-Lord, Arthur Osman and David Walker.

London Transport leaders That comprises the £67m raised by the supplementary rate for the last three months tion, said yesterday: "I will be doing everything I can to cusure refunds; but until legal implications and information. London Transport's projected on financial consequences are available, ratepayers will have to bear with me."

This much seems clear. The London Transport's projected deficit for next year is £334m on expenditure of £713m. Of the cheap fares policy, with the cheap fares policy, with the cheap fares policy, with the supplementary rate (expressed in pence a pound of rateable value). The £15m of that other service increases.

Mr Ian Phillips, the London Transport board member for ought to be refunded to the

finance and planning, estimated that fare increases of 150 per cent, either introduced in one stage next March or in.



Masefield: Peter "Substantial increase inevitable ".

instalments, would cut the number of passengers by between 30 and 50 per cent. But since there was no precedent for such in increase, e emphasized that this was a not very good" guess.

Since the fares were cut in October, travel on the Underground has increased by about 7 per cent and on the buses by about 11 per cent.

Bus traffic is 1. per cent higher than forecast and receipts have dropped by only 19.5 per cent, compared with the 22.5 per cent predicted. On the Underground receipts have dropped by 27.5 per cent in line with forecasts. Sir Peter and his colleagues

are clearly worried about one possible interpretation of the words in the judgment that London Transport must not in the West Midlands, Mersey-intend to make a loss in fram-ing its budget. in the West Midlands, Mersey-side and South Yorkshire was cautious; although those auth-

harsher than imposed on any Council, which Labour took other major urban transport over last May, raised a suppleorganization in the world".

He added that that interpretation was probably not inten-ded by those who drafted the 1969 Act. "It means that the whole approach towards transport in London and in major urban centres in this country nceds reexamining as to whether what Parliament intended is now being achieved,"

take account of inflation.

Sir Peter called on the Goverament to provide more money for public transport. The cost of changing back ticket machines is likely to be

ticket machines is likely to be several hundred thousand pounds, it was made clear yes-terday. No season tickets will now be issued for longer than three months and payment of refunds is being suspended.

#### Provinces: New safeguard on subsidies likely

Confusion reigned yesterday in transport undertakings throughout Britain as a result of the Lords ruling. Almost all are subsidized, and an early effect of the ruling seems. likely to be legislation to en-sure that the subsidies remain legal.

Three Acts will have to be closely scrutinized: the Transport (London) Act, 1969, for London Transport; the Transport Act, 1968, for public transport in provincial conurbations and shire counties; and the Pailway Act, 1974 for and the Railways Act, 1974, for British Rail

The first two were framed when transport finance was much more under control than now. In the light of the new ruling they appear no longer to cover requirements.

Rut even without new lesi-

But even without new legi-slation an early effect of the ruling whatever the GLC may say, could be to transfer ulti-mate control of London Transport back to central govern-ment, where it was before the 1969 Act. That may happen if London Transport runs out of money before March, when the new higher fares come into effect, and the GLC does not have the funds to support In such circumstances the

GLC is empowered to authorize the transport authority to raise loans. But because of the GLC's precarious financial conditions, members may well demand government guarantees before granting them. And the Government, as the price of such guarantees, would certainly require London Transport to follow policies it approved of which would be very different from those of the GLC. those of the GLC.

Government policy in recent years has been, broadly, that subsidies to local buses and trains are acceptable provided they are neither excessive nor indiscriminate. The Lords said that the decision was "a gppear to have found that the GLC policy was both.

London Transport stands to

lose £125m a year because of the ruling but does not expect serious cash-flow difficulties until next month. That is when it may need loans.

Political reaction last night passengers.

Six Peter said that could orities subsidize public transport must press conference after the judgment was announced. Sir Peter Masselield, chairman of London Transport must ing grant into consideration, a condition he described as Wife.

mentary rate totalling 14p in the pound to cover a 23 per cent cut in bus fares. But Mr Gordon Morgan, the

council leader, said yesterday after consultations at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities in London that the Lords decision did not directly affect the West Midlands.

#### Ministry: 'Block grants

are vindicated

Sources high in the Department of the Environment last night hailed the Law Lords' decision as a vindication of the much criticized block grant introduced by the Government in 1980.

Three of the five Law Lords made specific reference to the Greater London Council pro-ceeding with its scheme to cut fares in full knowledge that by toing so the council would lose 1100m or more in government grants. Lord Wilberforce had noted

that in disregarding the effects on the GLC's block grant it had breached its "fiduciary" duty to hold a fair balance for ratepayers. Lords Diplock and Brandon also mentioned the block grant.

A similar point was made in a statement by Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport. The block grant created pressures against overspending; by ignoring-them and choosing to load the burden on to ratepavers, the GLC had been reckless, he said.

Under the block grant system the Government assesses the need of local authorities to spend on such services as transport, and asigns them grants and guide-lines accordingly. The Trans-port Department had cal-culated that the GLC ought to subsidize London Transport by about £75m.
The Government has a

always opposed indiscriminate subsidies and wholly uneco-nomic cms in fares", Mr Howell said.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the GLC, said yesterday that the Lords' judgment would allow the Labour Party to make transport a key issue in the London borough elections next May.

group of Labour councillors at done. County Hall acknowledged that few issues could compel as much unity in their ranks as the fares issue. Mr Andrew McIntosh, the Labour leader deposed by Mr Livingstone after last May's GLC elections. was an author and advocate of the policy of cutting fares and increasing the rates subsidy to

day on business in Vienna, is known to think that sensible leadership by Mr. Livingstone could secure from him the full-bucking of his follow Labour councillors and kill, possibly for many months, the prospect of further defections by Labour members to the social democrats.

Mr Livingstone yesterday claimed the support of social democrats and Liberals in campaigning for new legislation on London Transport. Recently Mr Adrian Slade, the GLC's sole Liberal councillor, deplored the action taken by Bromley council.

#### Trade unions: Action to fight redundancies

Transport unions last night combined to condemn the Lords' decision. They are due to meet on Tuesday to decide what action to take.

That meeting could be influenced by statements from the Transport and General Workers' Union, the country's largest, which said yesterday that any redundancies caused by the decision would be opposed by industrial action if

necessary.

Mr William "Morris the union's national officer for busmen, said: "We think this is bad news for London, bad news for people who travel by London Transport

"London Transport has said that it could mean 15,000 redundancies if it went back to the pre-October situation.
We will not accept any redundancies", Mr Morris said.
He said that transport policies operated by local authorities in other parts of the

country were open to chal-lenge. The union had estimated that 50,000 jobs could be at risk if the Lords judgment was carried through across the

Mr Sidney Weighelf, general secretary of the 180,000-member National Union of Railwaymen, who organize many workers on the Underground, said last night: "Both the Government and Judges are determined to prevent us running intelligent services." ning intelligent services ". Mr Donald Pullen, deputy

general secretary of the Associated Society of Loco-motive Engineers and Fire-men, the train drivers union,



Lord Denning in London yesterday; his decision was upheld by the Law Lords.

#### The law: Words that define the GLC's duty

Lawyers advising provincial transport authorities will be anxiously studying the judgment to see whether they too. might eventually be pur in the same position as the GLC.

Section 1 of the Transport (London) Act places a duty on the GLC "to devalop policies and to encourage, organize and where appropriate, carry out measures, which will promote the provision of integrated, efficient and economic trans-port facilities and services for Greater London.":

Section 5 of the Act places a duty on the London Transport Executive to have "due regard to efficiency, economy and safety of operation" when providing a transport system.

All the Law Lords concluded though in a Fightle 188 pay during strikes involving only a few people.

Mr Anthony Frodsham, retiring director general of the EEF, said yesterday: "All our and employers without things change with time. It invoking legal penalties against individuals", he said.

"We envisage a measure to enable an employer to lay off his workforce without pay, but with safeguards, during a dispute whether or not this is expressly provided for in the after all lead to the return of a contract of employment.

Labout government subservient to the union interest.

"Unions may not be able paralysed through action by a All the Law Lords concluded (though in slightly different would allow the Labour Party to make transport a key issue in the London borough elections next May.

Members of the ruling to have the common meant that London Transport had to strive to books, to look at its operations in a businesslike way.

That, they said, had not been done.

The Transport Act, 1958, does not have the equivalent of the London Act's section 1, but it does have a provision (section 9(3)) pitting a duty on passenger transport authorities outside London to have "due regard to economy and safety of operation", very similar wording to that which affects London Transport.

### Ghost town streets of Belfast come alive

From Richard Ford Belfast

The queue of cars wairing to enter Belfast city centre would have most motorists impatiently tapping the steering wheel, but for Mr William Hamilton, manager of the Abercorn Cabaret in Castle Street, the ong delay is a delight. For it means that a brave attempt to lure people back to

the centre of the city at night is being made. Four nights ago, for the first time since 1974. private cars were allowed through the security gates-to park unattended in city centre

of course, they are still stopped and searched before entering the security zone, and we hicles must be out by 2 am. But it is a step forward to, what the city council predicts will be a "brighter Bellass". Everyone, from the security forces to hardpressed businessmen who have seen takings at clubs and public houses in the area plummet, are hoping that no discordant incident will end the experiment.

Mr Hamilton is among those

who confidently expect the people of Belfast to revert to their night-time pursuits in the

city centre now they can use their cars.

Because of repeated car bombings city centre streets in Belfast took on the serie atmosphere of a ghost town when private cars were banned in 1974. When people ventured out it

was often to cinemas and public halls outside the main security zone. . On the first night of the trial period about a hundred cars were brought into the centre, and in the days before Christmas that number is expected to increase.

Mr Hamilton manages the

Mr Hamilton manages the club above the restaurant where two people died and 130 were injured when a bomb exploded without warning in 1972. He said yesterday: "Usually I have a pass and can get through the security harriers suickly, but there was barriers quickly, but there was a long queue on that first

means, I hope, that Belfast will come alive again in the even-ing. It's been a difficult period, with sometimes as few as six people in the club at might."

Tougher action is planned support

against American support groups which raise funds for use by organizations involved in violence in Northern Ireland (Nicholas Ashford writes from Washington). That was made clear during

an interview given to The Times by Mr William Clark, while emphasizing that there was no question of direct American involvement. Mr. Clark said the United States was investigating the activities of some groups which were supplying aid to terrorist or-Asked what the aim of these

investigations was, he replied that it was to expose them and stop them supplying funds to terror groups.

He did not specify the groups under investigation but it is known that the principal organization is the New York-based Irish Northern Aid Committee, known as Noraid.

The Braish Government has frequently completed to Washington about the activities of Noraid, which channelled more than \$250,000 to the Pro-

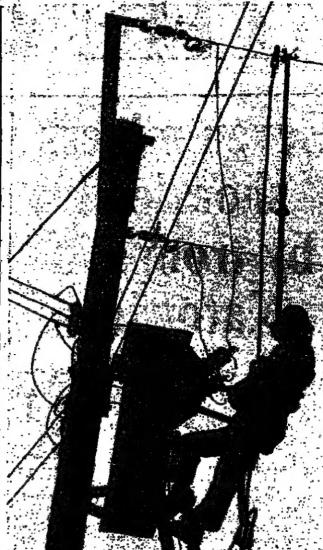
visional IRA during the first half of this year when the Maze hunger strike was receiving wide publicity in the United States,
The Justice Department has said that Novaid is "an agent of the IRA" and in October the IRA" and in October

one of the trustees, Mr Michael Flannery, was arrested in New York on charges of comparing to ship gues to the IRA.

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During his visit to London and Dublin Mr Clark met senior members of the British and Irish intelligence services.

During the interview Mr Clark repeated a remark about the unification of Northern Ireland with the South which reused controversy during his caused controversy during his Irish visit, but emphasized:
"This is an observation which is widely held in America, and is not American policy".



Mr Philip Thorne repairing electricity lines for the fifth

## Power back in South but freeze goes on

restored yesterday.
Only shout 800 homes in
Somerser, 200 in Devon and 20
in Cornwall were still in the
dark last night, and the South
Western Electricity Board hope
to restore all supplies by tonight. Excessive speed was blamed

excessive speed was named yesterday for accidents in which 42 cars and lorries crashed in freezing fog on the M1 near Affreton, Derbyshire. The motorway in Derbyshire between junctions 28 and 29 was closed for three bours and with thousands of cars waiting in three lanes

in three lanes

Derbyshire police said:

Motorists were driving too
quickly and too close to the
vehicles in front and were unable to readjust when they ran into patches of fog. It was sheer madness." At Melton, Humberside, a father and son were found un-

conscious from the cold in their parked car yesterday. Mr. Christopher Young, aged 37 and his son Martin aged 15, of dict of death by York, had been in the car for was recorded.

nine hours. Mortgage

By Lorna Bourke Tax relief on mortgage repayments is to be simplified, and speeded up from April, 1983, when repayments will be made net of basic rate tax relief. Repayments are made gross at present, and relief claimed from the Imland

Revenue.

That can lead to delays of several months, but under the new system relief at the basic rate will be deducted from repayments as soon as the borrower starts to pay. Higher rate taxpayers will claim the extra relief in the usual way.

Announcing the changes yesterday, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Government had no intention of restricting the amount of relief to which anyways are entitled.

Most of the homes in south west England blacked out by the blizzards had their power restored sesterday.

Only shour 800 homes in Somerset, 200 in Devon and 70

In Rotherham there were no

buses because diesel fuel froze in tanks, and many lorries were abandoned. In North Wales the Horse

shoe pass near Llangollen, Clwyd, and the A5104 Chester to Corwyn road at Bryneglwys were, still blocked by snow yesterday. Hundreds of old people have been housebound for more than a week because frozen snow has not been removed from pavements.

Burst pipes have created a water shortage in the West of England and in south Cheshire.

A Down's syndrome boyaged eight died in south Wilsshire after his father carried him through a blizzard this him through a blizzard this week from a snowbound car to their isolated home, an inquest was told yesterday. Mark Meyer had to be carried because of his fear of snow, but he struggled and his clothes became soaked. A verdict of death by misadventure

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' PICKETS

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TAX CHIEF'

From Our Correspondent

Edinburgh

The head of Scotland's tax

co)lection centre claimed yes-terday that car loads of pickets

# change

to which taxpayers are entitled. Legislation will be introduced in the 1982 Finance Bill and the change will mean a curin Inland Revenue staff of

about 1,000.

Engineering chiefs seek

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Engineering employers are vetary of State for Employ-

going for a tougher golicy on ment, on meatres for labour labour law with hopes that the law with renewed hope that

legislation by a foture Labour administration.

The influential Eugineering Employers Federation is pushing for an amendment to the impending trade union Bill so that companies would be free to suspend employees without pay during strikes involving only a few neonle.

To a snare of power, of a central political force.

Mr. Frodsham denied that the EEF advocated support for the Social Democrats.

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Labout government subservient "That would protect employment."

"Unions may not be able paralysed through action by a quite so easily to ensure the repeal of legislation which they do not like If this proves to be so our industry acontomy and

so, our industry, economy and ponsible militancy, society may reap great Mr Frodsham concluded; benefits."

benefits."
The EEF is to put its views the courage to take this reasonto Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secable step now?

tougher labour laws

terday that car loads of pickets attempted to stop him posting cheques worth millions of pounds to the Exchequer in the civil servants dispute earlier this year.

Mr Andrew McMaster, senior principal officer of the Inland Revenue offices in Cumbernauld, which handles up to £500m of tax cheques daily, told Edinburgh Sheriff Court that he was followed from Cumbernauld to Edinburgh by three cars. On the motorway

cumbernaud to Edinburgh by three cars. On the motorway the cars, surrounded him.

Mr McMaster was giving evidence at the trial of Mr Ted Elsey, aged 37, a union official of Hogarth Road, Crawley, Sussex, who has denied a contravention of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875.

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He has denied two charges alleging that he followed two officers of the Inland Revenue Mr McMaster said that in the strike no mail deliveries were made to his offices; but he made arrangements with the Post Office for him to collect the mail from the head offices in Glasgow.

On April 6 he returned to Cumbernalld with the mail and with a colleague, Mr James Rose, intended to post

the cheques. He claimed that he crossed labour law with hopes that the political emergence of the Social Democrats, will prevent at last come about as a result became aware that a convoy of the rise to power, or at least legislation by a forure Labour to a share of power, of a central political force.

The influential Engineering Mr. Frodsham denied that

James Rose, intended to post

#### Science report Monitoring global climate and pollution By Tony Samstag The Stockholm Conference

of 1972 was the first international attempt to coordinate the environmental activities of nations on a regional and global scale. With the tenth anniversary of that massive bureaucratic upheaval imminent, scientists and states-men are well into their first round of meerings to assess and celebrate their achievements to date.

Accordingly, Dr M D Gwynne, of the United Nations Environment Programme, itself a product of the Stockholm Conference, presented a paper to the Royal Swerish Academy of Sciences last month in which he described his agency's efforts to compile data on the environment, vital for conservationists to avoid speaking in windy generalities.

The popularized assessment of the rate at which tropical rainforests are disap-

pearing—"every five minutes an area the size of Regent's Park"—is the most notorious

example.

The Global Environment Monitoring System, granted the felicitous acronym, Gems, is in effect a scientific accounting system that quarters the globe in search of data from which reliable generalizations can be made. From its headquarters in Nairobi it coordinates a nerwork of monitoring projects in strictly defined caregories, many of them operated by other. United Nations

other United Nations agencies.

"The emphasis," Dr Gwynne said last month, "is always on data quality rather than data quantity."

The broad areas of monitoring are dimate, long-range pollution, health,

diff.

oceans and land. Dr Gwynne reported that more than seventy countries are involved in an atmospheric monitoring pro-gramme, with more than a hundred sampling stations measuring rainfall, solar radiation, trace gases, aerosol and other possible

An inventory of the world's glaciers, which so far has involved about 750 in 21 countries, takes advan tage of the fact that "fluc-tuations of glacial snow and ice-masses . . . lend themselves more readily to menitoring than many other parts of the climate sys-tem.".

Longrange pollutants, particularly sulphur diox-ides, are measured by a network of 50 stations in 18 Etropean countries, which is - expected to spread to North America as the phe-nomenon of "acid rein" is Similar sampling stations monkor air and water quality and food contaminants; 300 stations in 70 countries concentrate on the public, health aspect of rivers, lakes and ground waters; "which are the major source for municipal

major source for municipal supplies, irrigation, clive, stock said selected industries.

Ocean monitoring is still in its infancy, with photoprojects in the study of oir pollution and some of the regional. Clean-tip programmes operated by the regions' seas unit of Unep.

The most interesting of the

various Gems projects, how eyer, are probably the rechniques it has worked our for environmental mapping over land on virtually any scale, and covering said degrada tion, the state of tropical forests, range lands and deserts.

#### £50,000 RAID ON HOSPITAL Armed raiders stole £50,000 from the Medway Hospital, in

Gillingham, Kent, yesterday. Two men, one carrying a hand gun, squirted ammonia at security guards and made off with the hospital wages in two suitcases.
Police said they ran to a

Overseas selling prices



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St. Joseph's be warmly reflected in your homes. Reverend Mother.

St. Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London EB



### Case lost by computer pools man

Mr Michael Hayward, aged 31, a computer analyst, of Down Hatherley, near Cheltenwho was dismissed for using his employer's computer to work out football pools' permutations, was not unfairly dismissed, an industrial tri-bunal has decided. The decision, reached after three hearngs at Cloucester, was by a

majority of two to one. Eagle Star dismissed Mr Hayward / after the manage-ment discovered unauthorized programmes in the computer. Ar the hearings earlier this year Mr Hayward said he had been victimized. The computer, he said, was widely abused by the company's employees, who made up pictures on the tet-minal, of Racquel Welch haked and the Monna Lisa.

#### 39 months' jail for travel agent

William Sherrard, aged 45, a travel agent, swindled the members of an Essex school band lour of £23,000, Wood Green Crown Court, in London, was told yesterday. He accepted cash for a booking from Chafford School, Rainham, for a band trip to San Bernardino County, in the Unived States but bought no United States, but bought no tickets. The travel agent used

the money instead to pay other debts.
Sherrard, of Philip Lane.
south Tortenbam, pleaded
guilty to five deception
charges and one offence of carrying on a business. Omni-bus Travel, for which a compulsory winding up order had been issued. He was jailed for 39 months, the sentence to run with a two-year prison sentence he is serving

#### Jesus claimants' testimony fails

Twenty people claiming to be Jesus Christ have asked for £30,000 left by Mr Ernest Digweed, of Samuel Road, Portsmouth, who was found dead four years ago in a tent in his sitting room. He said in his will that the money was for the Son of God to use at the second

The Public Trustee Office, which is handling the will, said more of the claimants had produced the necessary identifica-

#### GPs' sick note threat dropped

A threat by family doctors to stop signing workers sick notes from the new year was called off yesterday. The threat was part of a British Medical Association campaign to stop sick notes for the first

seven days of illness. The BMA said its negotia tors were confident that the nounce that doctors no longer needed to sign short-term sick

#### Gallantry award for BR worker



Mr Tommy Hague, aged 45, a British Rail fork lift truck driver, and his wife, after Sir Peter Parker, the railways chairman, had presented Mr Hague yesperday with a new award, the Chairman's Award for Gallantry. Mr Hague res-cued a colleague trapped in British Rail's engineering works foundry at Norwich. The rescued man died later.

#### Printer dodged fares for 9 years

Eric Thompson, a printer, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, dodged British Rail faces for more than nine years with a season ticket that had expired in February, 1972, Southend magistrates heard yesterday. He was fined £500, with £20 costs, and £500, with £20 costs, an ordered to pay £1,500 compet

altered or forged the ticket. It bothered to check it properly.

#### Two escaped prisoners are recaptured

Two escaped prisoners, de-scribed by the police as dangerous, have been recaptured George Lomax and Derek Wallbanks escaped from a police van near Newcastle upon Type three weeks ago while on their way to court. Lomax was recaptured in London and Wallbanks on Tyneside.

Tory in jail break

Mr Daniel George, a Conservative councillor, became the first prisoner in Rotherham's rises in the public sector to 4 per cent this year. The extra new police station yesterday when he was accidentally locked in the cells while in-specting the building. The door had to be removed to release

## Underground dumping of atom waste dropped

gium and the United States.

The decision, he said, "does

not mean that further geologi-

cal fieldwork would not be useful and, indeed, possibly necessary for decisions which

may have to be taken at some future date . . . but it does not

Appeals and applications for planning permission to drill at sites in Scotland, Northumber-

land. Nottinghamshire, Leices-tershire, Somerser, Heriford-shire and Gloucestershire, among others, will be with-

In justifying the decision Mr King quoted from a report by the Radioactive Waste Manage-

Mr King's decision was criti-

cized yesterday by a senior member of the advisory com-mittee, Dr Stonley Bowie, a leading geologist, who said "far more emphasis has been

The committee had, how-

The council controlled about

25,000 houses, half the city's

total housing. It had no pre-

selling and sales proceeded slowly while an organization

to undertake the task was set up. The rate of sales had greatly improved recently.

Mr Macieod said the council

had acted reasonably while Mr Heseltine had not. He had

failed to consider the council's responsibilities other than house selling when assessing

The council disputed the

minister's contention that the district valuer should help to

speed up sales. It would be unlawful to use his services because it would be his duty

to arbitrate in disputes which

far against values set by the

and the values bad conse-

the case for the minister, said

Mr Heseltine's powers to inter-

depend on the failure of the

city council to meet its abliga-

tions, but rather on an assess

ment of the problems facing

the tenants who wanted to

The minister had to look for yardsticks as to whether the tenants were having difficulty

in exercising their rights to buy

The case continues today.

expediently.

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council on houses to be

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might arise over sales.

ground storage easier.

relief ".

Heseltine's house sale

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environ-ment, was accused yesterday of He said the legislation would

acting "unreasonably and mean the disposal of about therefore unlawfully" in decid-

ing to take over council house cil's area. The council wanted sales in Norwich. to handle sales carefully to Mr Nigel Macleod, QC, for avoid problems in the future.

move 'unreasonable'

have any present priority".

doned a controversial programme of geological tests to establish the feasibility of storing nuclear waste underground and appears to have Britain would study such faciliput off a decision on such ries in Sweden, Canada, Belstorage for decades.

High-level radioactive waste instead be stored as a glass compound on the surface at British Nuclear Fuel's Sellafield plant, in Cumbria.

The Government's volte-face

has been greeted with delight group which have the programme of drilling 15 test boreholes to investigate the suitability of geological strata for storage. Friends of the Earth Scotland

described it yesterday as their greatest ever victory." The decision has, however, stunned and bemused many closely involved with the programme, who for the past five years have been supporting the Government's insistence that the tests were necessary and that underground storage was likely to be the safest long-term method of

Since the programme started in 1975 only one borehole has been drilled because of intense local opposition to each pro-

posal to drill. In unnouncing the decision, however, Mr Tom King Minis-ter for Local Government, claimed that work overseas bad established that underground storage was in principle

Desk studies and laboratory work would continue in the United Kingdom to confirm the applicability of overseas work, he said, but exploraneeded ever, in the same report, firmly endorsed the government's under- previous policy of "pursuing tory drilling will not be needed for this purpose".

A demonstration

Norwich City Council, claimed in the High Court in London

in the High Court in London that the minister had acted as no reasonable minister would have acted. He said Mr Heseltine had taken the "drustic steps" open to him under Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1980, without giving the council a chance to present its cose.

The Labour-controlled council is seeking court orders to quash Mr Heseltine's decision

to take over council house sales, and to prevent him from acting

on his decision. The applica-

tion is being heard by Lord Justice Donaldson and Mr Jus-

tice Goff, and is opposed by the

Mr Heseltine decided to seud

in a team of officials after accusing the council of "drag-ging its heefs" over selling

Mr Macleod argued in the Queen's Bernh Divisional Court

that the powers given to a min-

ister to take over council house

sales had to be exercised very

Lord Justice Donaldson said

hat, as be understood the law,

the sole question was whether

the minister's decision was one

which could properly be taken

Mr Macleod said: "The city

council has made no secret of

its view that the legislation

providing for the sale of

council houses is unwise; but

its duties.
It regards itself as a responsible authority and has

**BIG SAVINGS** 

**POSSIBLE** 

ON PENSIONS

By David Blake

Plans to make local authority

and health service employees pay more for their pensions could save the Government

more than £600m a year by 1983. The savings will come

if the Cabinet approves a pro-posal to make the 1,750,000

people in those two sectors pay

The idea is part of the Gov-

The idea is part of the Government's response to the Scott report which looked at the implications of inflation-proofed public sector pensions. To the great annoyance of the Prime Minister, the report did not advocate breaking the inflation-proofing which public service employees enjoy. But it did say that there was a case for making them pay more.

Those covered by the latest proposal pay between 5 and 6

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of the Civil Service for their inflation-proofed pensions. The scheme is being pushed by its backers as a way of bringing

the local authorities and health

But the fact that central civil

servants do not actually hand

over cash, while the rest of the

public sector does, means that

union opposition to the scheme.

ficult by the fact that the

Government wants to hold pay

pension contributions would not become payable until 1983, but the fact that they are being

attitudes of pay bargainers.

Matters are made more dif-

cent of their salaries. per cent of their saiaries.

That is less than the 8 to 9 per cent that is notionally deducted from the pay levels

an extra 2 or 3 per cent of thei salary as a contribution towards their pensions.

way it has carried out

minister.

carefully.

The Government has aban- ground disposal facility, which vigorously " the options for oned a controversial pro- under present plans would disposal, including underunder present plans would have been built in the late ground disposal. 1990s, would not be construc-ted. Mr King said. Instead

simply delaying the obvious, purious off for a very long time work we should be doing today. What we will need is site-specific information, not general information from desk studies. They are not going to tell us any more about United Kingdom geology than we know

Overseas work might not be directly applicable in the United Kingdom, he said. Sweden's geology, for example, was totally different from

Dr Bowie said it was his personal view that underground storage was the safest form of disposal. It removed radin-active waste from the immediate environment, reduced the risk of leaks, or of aircraft crashing on to it, and even of terrorist activity.

ment Advisory Committee ear-lier this year, which said that serious consideration should be The Natural Environment given to storing the waste on the surface for 50 years, pos-sibly much longer. That would allow more of the heat to dis-sipate, making eventual under-Research Council, which runs the programme for the Government protested yesterday that it had not been consulted on the decision. It would want to advise ministers on the work that would be needed to be done before the council could form a fair view on the feasibility of underground disposal.

Under the programme as it now remains, work will con-tinue on ocean disposal of high level waste, and the Govern-ment will publish a White Paper on priorities for waste

given to that paragraph of the report than should have been. The thing has been warped." Because of the opposition to the drilling, the paragraph had been "picked out and greeted with the paragraph of the paragraph. Work will also continue on turning the radioactive waste into glass for storage. That be a necessary sten before underground disposal and a safer method of storing the waste on the surface.

Cash threat

station plan

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

British Rail disclosed yester

British Rail disclosed yester-day that its £300m develop-ment plan for Liverpool Street station, in London, might have to be cancelled for lack of funds. The latest version of the project has also run into new trouble with conserva-tionists, who consider it the largest boilding project in the City since restoration after.

City since restoration after the Great Fire of 1666.

"There is one remaining hurdle, and that is the question

of raising the money", the British Rail Property Board said vesterday. "It is at a crucial stage and there are a number of balls in the air. We

to £300m

#### tion to Everest "the hard way," in 1975, is preparing for an Alpine-style attempt on the mountain next year. With three other climbers, Mr Bonington is to try the unclimbed east-north-east ridge that leads rom Chinese territory to the 29.028fr summit.

It will be one of the smallest teams ever to visit the north side of the mountain. The climbers will rely on their own resources to establish camps, carry loads, and fix ropes. Oxygen cylinders will be taken to base camp, but they hope to reach the summit without using them.

Mr Bonington, aged 47, was

Chris Bonington, who led climbing leader on last year's the successful expedition to Monat tion to Everest "the hard Kongur, in western Chius, which was sponsored by Jar-dine Matheson, the Far East supporting the Everest attempt. With him will be Peter

British team to climb Everest Alpine-style

Boardman, director of the International School of International School of Mountaineering at Leysin. Switzerland; Dick Renshaw, aged 31, a painter and decorator from Cardiff, who has climbed extensively in the Alps and Himalayas; and Joe Tasker, aged 33, a climbing equipment specialist who has made many first ascents in the Alps.

Alps. In support will be Dr



Charles Clarke, medical-officer, and Mr. Adrian Gordon, The British Mount Everest [] A talk Mr Bonington was to Expedition to China sets out give at Clifton Hall, Rethernext March, and marks the remain after 40 years of British cause of the key near set.

climbers to the north side of the mountain. They will make the attempt before the mon-soon, and hope to reach the summit early in May.

The climbers will follow the rouge noted in 1924 by Professor Noel Odell, a climber on the British expedition that year, when Mallory and Irvine disappeared on a neighborring ridge of Everest.

"Cdall said then that he

"Cdell said then that he thought the ricke would be possible, although technically harder than the north butter oute", Mr. Bonington told The Times.



The team : From left, Chris Bonington, Peter Boardman, Dr Clarke, Adrian Gordon, Dick Renshaw, Joe Tasker

## Joseph rules out early school voucher scheme

The formidable difficulties associated with education voucher schemes, as set out yesterday by Sir Kein Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, appear to rule out any possibility of their introduction, certainly in the near future.

de teaching profession.

Under ing accessed system

parents would be given a

voucher equal to the average

cost of their child's education

which they would then be free to "spend" at the school of his or her choice.

Schools would prosper to the extent that they attracted writhers, and would therefore

lave a much greater incentive

than at present to satisfy parents, the scheme's advocates

tope they will come down early in the new year."

The aim is to meet most of near future. Sir Keith attracted the wrath of several Conservative colthe cost through a vast commercial develonment rising to the party conference in Black-pool last October that he was intellectually attracted to the idea of education vouchers as a twice the height of the nine teenth-century Great Eastern Hotel, which will be preserved next to an enlarged station. of increasing parental

station, ... vas aware that great difficul-The 25-acre development site ties were involved. dominated by and modern mer Prime Minister, said any Liverpool Street station. arrempr to introduce such a scheme would split the Con-servative Party and alienate the

A new feature of the plans is a proposal to dismantle the long Victorian "nave" over platforms 9 to 11, and replace are splitting it in half and put ting it over four of roday's platforms instead of two ", the board said. Mr John Cheshire, socretary

The new complex will the site of Broad

of the preservation group which opposed the development plan in the 1970s, said dismanting the "nave" amounted to demolishing a listed building and might be technically disastrous".

yesterday Sir Keith announced the contents of the letter he cates of education vouchers the National Council for Edu-cational Standards and the Friends of the Education Voucher Experiment in Repre-sentative Regions

In his letter Sir Keich re affirms his attraction to edu-cation vouchers " as a means of eventually extending par-

However, the difficulties

sidered. Only if it is clearly possible

could deliver, in a way which could be commended more benefits than are obtainable under the 1980 Act would an experiment be worth considering, he added The Education Act, 1980

gives parents the right to send their child to the school of their choice unless that would lead to the inefficient use of

Among the main difficulties identified are the substantial extra costs involved if independent schools were included in

## State farms ruled out of Labour's land policy

State farms have no place in. the Labour Party's plans for public ownership of agricul-rural land, Dr. Gavin Strang, an opposition frontbench spokesman on agriculture, said vesterday. yesterday.

He also distanced himself from colleagues in favour of wholesale nationalization. There will never be a Cay when the Labour Party will go down the road to state farm-

ing he said. But a descre-of public ewnership of land was the only way to hair the decline in renancies and enneans to buy land to become Dr Strang told a highly

ence organized by Savills, a right wing opinion always con-fused the issue by talking about state farming but the sgricultural community had a right to see that an immensely valuable national asset was nanaged in its interest.

companies was as abhorrent as state farming, he suggested. Public ownership issist conservation, and Extor nationalization to stop
16-plus exam doubts, page 5 farmers ploughing moorland.

Built-in light, alarm

... Fishing rights should not be sold at ridiculous prices 1. rich Germans and Joo nese . tusteed miners and bus drivers should be able to cast their lines in the locks and rivers of Scotland.

Lord Middleton, president c. the Country Landawners Association, described the Labour Party as an anted luviem dinosaur which argued that the only way to pull the mere nationalization.

over by the extreme left, which did not want any power, political or economic, in the

No country bad adopted state agriculture except under the coercion of a distatorship. and in every case food produc-tion liad become a shambles. Poland was starving and Russia was totally incapable of

feeding its people: The beauty of the private The ownership of land by landlord and tetrant system pension funds, and insurance was that it was a highly sophic was that it was a highly sophis ticated business partnership with an intimate relationshi-between the partners. One the state took central, it would become the biggest abrenic landlord slace William the

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## Fares reduction beyond GLC's powers

Council and Another, Ex

Before Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman and Lord Brandon

of Oakbrook

[Speaches delivered December 17]

The House of Lords held unanimously that a supplementary rate issued by the Greater Loudon Council on London ratepayers in order to enable the council, by a grant to London Transport Executive, to finance the cost of reducing tares by 25 per cent, was ultra vives the provisions of the Transport (London) Act 1969, where the council had issued the supplementary rate to implement supplementary rate to implement an election promise.

n election promise. In so acting, Lord Scarman said, te GLC had abandoned business

duty owed to ratepayers and was-wrong in law.

The House dismissed conjoined expeditad appeals by the Greater London Comcil (GLC) and London Transport Executive (LTE) from the Court of Appeal (Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Watkins) (The Times November 11) which had allowed with costs an waitch side allowed with costs an appeal by Bromley London Borough Council from the judgment of the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Dunn and Mr Justice Phillips) (The Times November 4) that the GLC were entitled to impose a supplementary precept impose a supplementary precept on London boroughs in order to pay for the reduced and simplified fare structure introduced on London Transport's bus and Underground services on October

4, 1981.

Bromley had applied for an order of certiorari to quash the supplementary rate of 6.19 in the pound; and asked for a declaration witra vires and an that it was ultra vires and an injunction to restrain the defeudant authorities from implementing the decision to operate the reduced fares structure. The Court of Appeal issued an order of certionari to quash the precept, but

granted leave to appeal.

Section 5 of the 1969 Act provides: (1) Subject always to the requirements of section 7(3) of this Act, it shall be the general duty of the Executive to exercise and perform their functions, in accordance with principles from time to time laid down or approved by the Council, in such manner as, in conjunction with the Railways Board and the Bus Company, and with due regard to efficiency, economy and safety of operation, to provide or secure the provision of such public passenger transport services as

best meet the needs for the time being of Greater London".

Section 7 provides: "(3) The Executive shall so perform their functions as to ensure so far as practicable — (a) that at the end of each such period as may from time to time be agreed for the purpose of this paragraph between the Executive and the Council the aggregate of the uet balance of the consolidated revenue account of the Executive and any subsidiaries of theirs and the net balance of the general reserve of the Executive is such (not being a deficit) as may be reserve of the Executive is such (not being a deficit) as may be approved by the Council with respect to that period, and (b) that, if at the end of any accounting period of the Executive the said aggregate shows a deficit, the amount properly available to meet charges to revenue account of the Executive and their subsidiaries in the next

or performing their functions under this Act, shall have regard — (a) to the duty imposed on the Executive by subsection (3) of Executive by subsection (3) of this section; ... and where the requirements of paragraph (b) of the said subsection (3) fall to be complied with by the Executive, the Council shall take such action in the exercise and performance of their functions under this Act as appears to the Council to be necessary and appropriate in order to enable the Executive to comply with those

tion wilberforce said that the case concerned the validity of a supplementary precept issued by the GLC to Bromley for the levying of a rate of 6.1p in the pound in respect of October 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982. The precept was issued pursuant to a GLC resolution dated July 21, 1981 which was in turn passed by way of implementation of a commitment, contained in an election manifesto for the May 1979 election, on which the present majority on the GLC was elected.

The supplementary precept

the GLC was elected.

The supplementary precept went to all London boroughs. Bromley applied to the High Court for judicial review of the GLC action by way of certiorari. They failed in the Divisional Gourt but the Court of Appeal granted their application, quashed the supplementary precept and declared that it was ultra vires, null, void and of no effect.

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The LTE were a party to the proceedings because the precept was issued to enable the GLC to finance, by grant-to the LTE, the cost of reducing fares overall by 25 per cent and of introducing a simplified zonal system. If the precept was set aside, LTE would not be able to maintain those charges; and to reverse them would cause considerable dislocation.

The precept was attacked on two main grounds: (1) that it was beyond the powers of the GLC as defined by the Transport (London) Act 1969; (2) that even if the GLC had the necessary statutory powers, the issuance of the precept was an invalid exercise of their discretion under the Act. That ground might be divided into two contentions (a) that the exercise of the GLC's discretion was unreasonable, or discretion was unreasonable, or (b) that the GLC, when deciding to issue the precept, did not take relevant considerations into account, or did take into account irrelevant considerations or misdirected themselves as to the

Both those grounds depended on the fact, which it was right to emphasize at the start, that the budget more considerable than those of many nation states, were the creation of statute and had only powers given by statute.
The courts would not lightly interfere with the exercise of the wide discretion conferred on the coucil by Parliament. But their actions, unlike those of Parliaactions, unlike those of Parliament, were examinable by the courts, whether on grounds of vires or principles of administrative law (which might overlap). It made no difference on the question of legality, as opposed to reasonableness, whether the impugned action was or was not submitted to or approved by the relevant electorate: that could

relevant electorate: that could not confer validity on ultra vires action. Indeed, it formed part of Bromley's argument, that the GLC, in so far as they considered that they had a commitment to bring about the reduction in fares, regardless of other considerations, misdirected themselves in law.

The first ground of attack involved construction of the 1969 Act. Before 1970, transport in London was governed by the Transport Act 1962, as amended revenue account of the Executive and their subsidiaries in the next following accounting period of the Executive exceeds those charges by at least the amount of that deficit.

The Council in exercising revenue account taking one year with another. The 1966 Act allowed grants to meet deficits on revenue account to be made by the minister out of national The Transport Act 1968 set up

for LTE; Mr David Widdicombe, QC and Mr. Harry Sales for Bromley London Borough Council.

LORD WILBERFORCE said facilities and services for Greater than the case concerned the company of the case concerned to develop and encourage measures which would promote the provision of "integrated, efficient and economic transport facilities and services for Greater concerned the case concerned to t

There had been much argu-There had been much argument about the meaning of those words, particularly "economic": no doubt they were vague, possibly with design. It had been strongly argued that the word meant something like "on business principles"; but for present purposes his Lordship would take as the meaning most favourable to the GLC "cost-effective" or "making the most effective use of resources in the context of an integrated system".

context of an integrated system".

Section 3 gave the GLC power to make grants to LTE "for any purpose" and no doubt those words were wide enough to cover words were wide enough to cover grants to revenue as well as for capital purposes. But the section could not be read in isolation. The extent and manner in which the power was to be exercised had to be controlled by the fact that the GLC owed a duty to two different classes.

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First, for meeting the needs of Greater London, they had to provide for transport users: those included not only the residents of London, but also commuters and tourists. Most of those wuld not pay rates to the GLC.

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Second, they owed a duty of a fiduciary character to their ratepayers who had to provide the money. Those were said to represent only 40 per cent of the electorate and probably a smaller proportion of the travelling public: they would themselves, most likely, also be travellers. Most of the rates (62 per cent) had to be found from commercial ratepayers. For the extent of that fiduciary duty Prestout v Birmingham Corporation ([1955] Ch 210) remained valid in principle, although free travel for selected categories had since been authorized by statute.

rized by statute.

Those duties must on the authorities be fairly balanced one against the other. Roberts v Hopwood ([1925] AC 578) was

Hopwood ([1925] AC 578) was concerned with a case where there had been an election which, it was claimed, gave a mandate to the council to pay the wages there in question.

But Lord Atkinson emphatically rejected the proposition that, however excessive or illegal their scale of wages might be they were bound to put it into force, against the interests of ratepayers, because their constituents gave them a mandate so to do.

containing sections 4 to 15, was headed "The London Transport Executive". They were set up by section 4 "for the purpose of implementing the policies which it is the duty of the council under section. It of develops" it is the duty of the council under section 1 to develop".

Sections 5 and 7 were critical for present purposes. His Lordship read section 5(1) and said that the further triad of words including "economy" seemed to point rather more clearly than section 1 in the direction of running on business-like or commercial lines; but it would be treating "economy" too narrowly

The said subsection (3) fall to be complied with by the Executive, the Council shall take such action in the exercise and performance of their functions under this Act as appears to the Council to be necessary and appropriate in order to enable the Executive to comply with those requirements."

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, and Mr James Goudie for the GLC; Mr John Drinkwater, QC, and Mr Christopher Lockhart-Mummery

The Transport Act 1968 set up practical to the case transport authorities (PTAs) in various parts of the country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for Bromley, it was said that the LTE and putting them under their undertaking on business principles and so far as practicable must run their undertaking on practicable must revenue charges out of fares and other available internal revenue. If they incurred a deficit in one accounting period, they must ensure "so far as practicable." the rival arguments could be summarized as follows: for Bromley, it was said that the LTE and putting them under the country. The 1969 Act created a seminarized as follows: for Bromley, it was all that the LTE and putting them under the country. The 1969 Act created a seminarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created a summarized as follows: for country. The 1969 Act created as follows: for country. The 1969 Ac







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Diplock, Keith of Kinkel, Such actions might takeScarman and Brandon of several forms: the council might
Oukbrook who ruled that the direct fares to be raised or Outbrook who raied that the GLC's cheaper fares scheme was illegal yesterday in judgments spanning 90 pages, Their unanimous decision came two weeks after the seven day hearing of the appeal by the GLC against the Court of Appeal's ruling against the "Fares Fair" scheme,

LIE's duty under subsection (3) was only to avoid a deficit after bringing into the revenue

They sought to reinforce that They sought to reinforce that argument by reference to supposed parliamentary intentions. It must, they argued, have been in Parliament's contemplation that deficits would be incurred. Parliament might indeed have desired that, regarding transport as essentially a social service, such deficits could only be made good by grants from the CLC. good by grants from the GLC.
Parliament was content to leave
the financing of them to the GLC,
subject only to a problimion
against accumulated deficit. As that argument touched on

As that argument touched on important issues of transport policy, his Lordship had considered it carefully. There had been for some years discussion, on the political level, as to whether, and to what extent, public transport, particularly in capital cities, should be regarded and financed as a social service, out of taxation, whether national or local.

out of taxation, whether national or local.

Their Lordships could not take any position in that argument; bet his Lordship could not see that in the Act of 1969 Parliament had in that year taken any cleer stance on it. For the GLC it had not been argued that a policy of free travel was open to the GLC under that Act, although the present majority of the council saw such a policy as desirable but not now realizable. Nor did the actual circumstances of 1969 support the argument. On the figures there was no justification for trying to read into the 1969 Act provisions, possibly suitable for the very different conditions after 1974, in favour of discretionary deficits. The only safe course was to tryen and execution of the contemporary The only safe course was to try to understand the contemporary

There were two clear provisions in the Act. The first was in section 7(3) (b) which stated the LTE's obligation to make good a deficit in the year following a deficit year. That obligation the LTE had to meet so far as practicable. That pointed to the taking of action which it was in the power of the LTE to take.

which it was in the power of the LTE to take.

The corresponding provision as regarded the GLC was section 7(3) which dovetailed with section 7(3). That recognized that the duty stated in section 7(3) (b) (to make up a deficit in year two) was one which "falls to be complied with by the Executive" and then obliged the council in performing their functions to have regard to that duty and take action which would enable LTE to comply with those requirements.

such actions might takeseveral forms: the council might
direct fares to be raised or
services to be adjusted. Or the
council could decide to make a
grant. But they could only do
that after they had "had regard"
to LTE's duty under section
7(3). The statutory obligations of
GLC and LTE fitted in with one
another: LTE must carry out GLC and LTE fitted in with one another: LTE must carry out their duty as defined in section 7(3); the GLC could not exercise their powers unless and until LTE carried out that duty and must then do so with proper regard to their fiduciary duty to the raterayers.

running on business-like or commercial lines; but it would be treating "economy" too narrowly to treat it as requiring LTE to make, or try to make a profit. It did, on the other hand, prevent that endertakings on other than economic considerations. The initial words were important as drawing attention to the paramount financing provisions of section 7(3). The GLC make to their powers unless and until the consolidations. The initial words were important as drawing attention to the paramount financing provisions of section 7(3). The GLC make grants in aid of revenue; but — the power of the GLC to make sprats in aid of revenue; but — the power of the GLC to make the power with due regard to the power of the GLC to make the power with due regard to the power with The GLC and LTE, on the other hand; while accepting that accounts while accepting that account and also of account, and putting forward account of a prospective grant on revenue account from the GLC.

They said that the LTE, and the obligation to balance in the maximize fares. There was deciding whether or not to go flexibility in the words 'so far as a count of a prospective grant on revenue account from the GLC.

They said that the fallacy of Bromley's argument and also of Lord Justice Oliver's judgment, lay in assuming or holding that 'revenue account' in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) meant account on internally generated revenue alone. Since GLC grants in aid of revenue went into revenue account, the

in it.
Did the council and executive act in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions? In his Lordship's view they plainly did not. The LTE for 1980 were running a deficit. Acting in accordance with their obligations

under the 1969 Act, they submitted to the GLC, in November 1980, proposals to break even by a possible increase break even by a possible increase in fare revenue, increased productivity, and an assumed GLC grant of £80m. Their budget contained a careful review of the measures taken by way of economy and better fare collection to keep the deficit down as far as practicable. It represented a serious attempt to comply with the Act. If a radical change was made from that budget, that suggested strongly that it was made outside the Act.

After the change in control in May 1981, the new GLC leader

After the change in control in May 1981, the new GLC leader immediately intimated to LTE that they should submit proposals involving a general reduction in fares of 25 per cent, proposals which would so the extent of about £59m increase the operating deficit.

That increased deficit would have to be bothe by the GLC ratepayers, and as it soon appeared, would automatically bring about a loss of rate support grant, under central government legislation, involving an additional heavy burden on the rate-payers of approximately £50m stuributable to the fare reduction, not far about of the whole cost of the 25 per ceat reduction itself.

The LTE submitted proposals

The LTE submitted proposals including a new zoning scheme.
That, in itself, might well be
advantageous but was wholly
ancillary to the 25 per cent
reduction. The GLC approved

reduction. The GLC approved them.

In his Lordship's opinion both the GLC and LTE were in breach of their duties under the Act. The LTE were, in their own words, meeting the GLC requirements. They could not have thought their ohligations under sections 5 and 7 of the Act.

The GLC quild not have considered, as they were obliged to do before they could make a grant to revenue that the LTE were complying with their obligation under section 7(3).

Further, in deciding to proceed Further, in deciding to proceed

to make a grant to support the fare reduction, once it became apparent that the ratepayers burden would be approximately doubled, they acted in breach of their fiduciary duty as defined above. They failed to hold the balance between the transport users and the ratepayers as they should have done.

His Lordship was therefore clearly of comion that the clearly of opinion that the actions of the GLC and of the LTE were ultra vires the 1969 Act. For those reasons, which coincided almost wholly with those given by Lord Justice Oliver, he would dismiss the

The Act conferred a large resources available to the best degree of autonomy on the GLC advantage, the financial resource and the LTE but required them both to operate subject to the interlocking restraints spelt out in it.

Did the council and executive cepts and the grants from central expressions of the GLC relevant to the present appeals being the rate funds obtained by issuing precepts and the grants from central expressions. government respectively.

The GLC's decision in the

present case was not simply about allocating a total financial burden between passengers and ratepayers; it was also a decision to increase that total burden so as nearly to double it and to place the whole of the increase on the increase on the ratepayers.

As the GLC well knew when they took the decision to reduce the fares, that would entail a loss of rate grant from the contral the fares, that would entail a loss of rate grant from the central government funds amounting to about £50m which would have to be made good by the ratepayers. So the total financial burden to be shared by passengers and ratepayers for the provision of an efficient public passenger transport system was to be increased by an extra £50m without any equivalent improvement in the efficiency of the system, and the whole of the from the ratepayers.

That would clearly be a thriftless use of moneys obtained by the GLC from ratepayers and a deliberate failure to avoid any action that would involve forfeining grants from central government funds. It was thus a breach of the fiduciary duty owed by the GLC to the ratepayers. His Lordship accordingly agreed, that the precept issued pursuant to the decision was nitra vires and therefore wold. His Lordship would also have had the decision and the precept.

was nitra vires and therefore void.

His Lordship would also have held the decision and the precept to be void on another ground dealt with by Lord Justice Oliver. That was that in exercising the collective discretion of the GLC under section 11 to direct or approve a reduction of fares by 25 per cent the members of the majority party by whose votes the effective resolutions were passed, acted on an erroneous view of the applicable law, in that from first to last, they regarded the GLC as irrevocably committed to carry out the reduction, whatever might be the additional cost to the ratepayers, because a reduction of that amount had been pre-amonuted in the election manifesto issued by the political party whose candidates formed a majority the members elected. That was erroneous in law.

LORD KEITH, concurring in the result, said that what had happened in this case was that the LTE, knowing what the GLC, as reconstituted after the election of May 1981, wanted to be done, submitted to the GLC for approval proposals for the general level and structure of fares which incorporated the 25 per cent overall reduction, and those were duly approved.

His Lordship was of opinion for the reasons expressed that it was contrary to the LTE's duties under the Act to submit proposals which involved an arbitrary reduction of that kind in the existing general level of fares, which it was not suggested had been fixed otherwise than in accordance with ordinary business principles. Nor was it within the GLC's statutory powers to approve of the proposals.

Both LTE and the GLC acted ultra wires in relation to the proposed reduction of fares. It had to follow that the supplementary precept to finance the

tary precept to finance the reduction was also ultra vires and had to be quastled.

LORD SCARMAN said that on the true construction of the 1969 the Act he accepted broadly the Bromley submission. Section 7(3) was a paramount subsection declaring the nature of the financial duty imposed on the GLC and LTE. It required LTE to follow, so far as practicable, a financial policy of break-even.

Grants in support of revenue from fares were envisaged; but as a necessity, and not as an object of social or transport policy. Although advance budgetting which took account of grant income to make good anticipated unavoidable loss on operations was authorized, the subsection of deficit into an object of policy.

Nothing in section 7 cut down or modified the fiduciary duty of the GLC to their ratepayers, as financial continued in the content of the

provided on business principles so as to ensure, so far az practicable, that no avoidable loss fell on the ratepayers.

Accordingly his Lordship accepted the Bromley submission that the Act required that fares be charged at a level which would, so far as practicable, avoid deficit, it was plain that the 25 per cent overall reduction was adopted not because any higher fare level was impractable but as an object of social and transport

to economic necessity but a policy preference. In so doing the GLC abandoned business principles. That was a breach of duty owed to the ratepayers and wrong in law. LORD BRANDON, after con-

LORD BRANDON, after considering on construction that it was beyond the powers of the LTE to submit to the GLC for their approval, and beyond the powers of the GLC in approve, proposals for, an overall reduction of 25 per cent in the level of farer charged by the LTE for the carriage of passengers in trains and buses operated by them, went on to examine the further question of discretion.

Assuming, contrary to his Lordahip's opinion on construction, that it was the intention of the Act that the provision by the LTE of proper passengers ervices for Greater London was to be financed partly by fares gailt by passengers and partly by income grants from the GLC derived ultimately from rates levied on the ratepayers of the London boroughs, and further that the extent to which such provision was financed from the one source or the other was a matter for the administrative discretion of the GLC, the question was whether the discretion is their administrative discretion lawfully.

It was plain for two reasons that they did not do so. The first was that they considered themselves bound to exercise their discretion lawfully.

It was plain for two reasons that they did not do so. The first was that they considered themselves bound to exercise their discretion in the majority of whose members had been elected after setting out a particular policy in their election manifesto.

It was play to the council the majority of whose members had been elected after setting out a particular policy in their election manifesto.

whatever the cost might turn out to be.

If was an inevitable inference from the evidence taken as a whole that the majority on the GLC, when they approved the proposals for a 25 per cent overall reduction in fares, were motivated solely by the belief that because they had promised such a reduction before their election, they were completely and irrevocably bound to implement it after being elected.

The second reason why they did not exercise their discretion is withly was that the GLC persisted in implementing their pre-election policy even after it had become apparent to them accordance with ordinary business principles. Nor was it within the retait, said that it could not be too emphatically stated and that the House was not concerned with the wisdom or fairness of the GLC's decision to reduce the fares charged in Eremer London by the LTE which made it necessary to issue the supplementary precept, or the greater part of it. All that their Lordships were concerned with was the legality of that decision was it within the finited powers that Parliament had conferred by statute on the GLC?

The conflicting interests which

## Blacking of ship was unlawful secondary industrial action

in section 13 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 as amended by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act 1976 which restricts liability with respect to acts done in contemplation or furtherance of trade disputes) shall prevent an act from being actionable in tort on a ground specified in subsection (1) (a) or (b) of that section in any case where — (b) one of the facts relied upon for the purpose of establishing Hability is that there has

(4)(a) above — (a) references to the supply of goods or services between two persons are references to the supply of goods or services by one to the other in pursuance of a contract between them subsisting at the time of the secondary action..."

By a time charterparty the Antama was let on hire to a Belgian company in July 1981. The charterers agreed to pay all harbour dues. While the vessel was on charter the Panamanian owners sold her to the plaintiffs, a company incorporated in Malta, the beneficial owner being a Turk. The ship was under the control of the charterers carrying a cargo of palm kernel to Hull and Hamburg when the shipping agents, General Freight, acting on the charterers' instructions, made arrangements with the port authority for the vessel to dock at Hull.

On November 23, 1981 when

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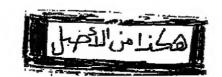
Blacking of ship was unlawful secondary industrial action

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The MASTER OF THE ROLLS: said that the bank provided two occupational pension schemes for the permanent staff, one for men and one for women but

# Bank women win

LORD JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN also sgreeing said that the European Court said that article 119 of the Treaty could be relied upon before the minimal courts. Solicitors: Mr Geoffrey N.



## Frost threatens Christmas sprouts supply

By Robin Young, Consumers Affairs Corresponent
There is had news about also plentiful and of excellen
Christmas dinner. If the cold quality. One suggestion from weather continues, Brussels sprouts, which most Britons regard as an essential garnish to turkey or goose, will be missing. The demand for Brussels

winter vegetable in Britain, trebles at Christmas. It is conservatively estimated that five out of six British families feature nobbly sprouts on their Christmas Day menu.

Hard frosts have cut supplies by a quarter, and with temperatures as low as —12°C in the fields, some growers have been harvesting completely frozen crops. Sprouts are frost-proof while growing, but if picked when frozen they deteriorate speedily.

You can smell them going off", one New Covent Garden trader said at the market yesterday. Britain is an exporter but not an importer of sprouts, so no replenishment is available elsewhere. Mixed nuts are good value, a shortage of Brazils and walnuts being compensated by a good crop of Filberts and almonds. Prices are already up to 30p a pound, and only a prolonged mild spell, will avert a critical shortage at Christmas.

This is not a happy season for cauliflowers either. Supplies, from England, France, and the Channel Isles, are also scarce, costing up to 70p each. On the other hand there is plenty of cabbage, possibly a dull alternative.

Swedes and turnips are

government agency

The next chief executive of the Property Services Agen-cy will be a private manager, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secrealso plenutul and or excellent quality. One suggestion from the Fresh Fruit and Vege-table Information Bureau is that with carrots, onions, and leeks these might be baked to a vegetable clafouti, a sort of trendy Woolton pie, made with Yorkshire pudding bat-ter. tarty of State for the En-vironment, has told his senior officials at a private

Recruiting someone from the private sector to such a senior position was not, he said, to doubt civil sevants' Christmas supplies of Spanish satsumas, clemen-tines and navel oranges are sain, to doubt civil sevants' talents and energies. Rather, the agency, the organization that lets most government building contracts and administers the vast estate of government buildings, "would benefit from exposure to also threatened. Large ship-mems are trapped in the French channel ports by a road transport bottleneck exacerbated by the bad weather. Despite a shorter crop, satsumas are still at about the same price as last year, 24p to 30p a pound.

private sector ways. "What I would like to see" he said at meetings at the Department of the Environment, "is an injection of something only a preivate sector man can provide". Apple prices are up between 5p and 10p a pound on last year, with English Coxes from 25p and French Golden Delicious from 20p a

A private.

By David Walker

head for

However, Mr Heseltine reassured his civil servants that despite the government's interest in tighter manage-ment and its desire to switch responsibility back to the private sector, they were a national asset.

"The role of the Civil Service is much misunder-stood. To listen to or read a wide range of comment one would draw a conclusion that extravagant overhead

Mr Heseltine said his civil servants made a "remarkable and indispensible contribution to the working of a civilized



Lending an ear: From left, Lord Snowdon, president of the International Year of Disabled People, Mr. enneth Robinson, chairman of the Arts Council, Mr Paul Channon, Arts Minister, and Mr Frank McLoughlin stening yesterday to the new "induction loop" system at the Wigmore Hall, London, designed to help the hard of hearing who use conventional bearing aids.

#### Cost of the NHS rises to £240 a head

By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

Spending on the National Health Service costs £240 a Kingdom, according to statistics published today. This is three times as high in real terms as when the service was first established. In 1949 it cost £8.75 a head, or £79 at 1983 prices cent for nurses.

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Hospital services take the lion's share (63 per cent), with family doctors accounting for only 6.2 per cent and community services (health visitors, community nurses and midwives) absorbing 6 per cent. per cent.

Hospital doctors are the in 1965 and 3.6 per cent in its gross national product on lestest growing group in the 1955. fastest growing group in the service, having increased by 3.1 per cent a year over the past five years, compared with an annual increase of The analysis, carried out y the Office of Health conomics, which is funded 2.8 per cent for administrators, 1.7 per cent for family doctors and 1.4 per

Hospital nurses are the largest group, accounting for 37 per cent of the one million people employed.

The health service absorbs about 6 per cent of the gross national product against 5.5 data (for 1979) shows that per cent in 1975, 4.1 per cent France spends 7.2 per cent of

9 per cent.
The analysis, carried out
by the Office of Health
Economics, which is funded
by the pharmaceutical indus-

by the pharmaceutical industry, shows that the rate of growth of the service is slowing. It grew by 4.3 per cent between 1960 and 1970 but by only 3 per cent a year in 1976-81.

Compared with other west. of the service is slowing down. It grew by 4.3 per cent a year per cent a year per cent a year between 1960 and 1970 but by only three per cent a year in the five years 1976-31.

Compared with other western countries, Britain continues to spend relatively little on the service. The office's latest international data (for 1979) shows that France spends 7.2

#### Indefinite detention for £1m arsonist

From Our Correspondent York

John Daysley, aged 18, an arsonist who stood and laughed as an incomplete f1m office complex burnt to the ground, was ordered at York Crown Court yesterday to be detained indefinitely in a high security mental hospital.

Judge Harry Bennett told Daysley, of the Boulevard, Hill, "You are a danger to yourself and the public in

general".

Mr Paul Miller, for the prosecution, told the court that the youth, who was fascinated by fire, reduced a fine crossy complex. In the five-storey complex in the centre of Hull to ashes with a

centre of Hull to ashes with a match after breaking in to steal tools.
Daysley told police: "I don't know why I did it, but it made me feel good and gave a feeling of happiness. I lit some wood shavings on the floor and watched the flames duncing about. It made me feel great."
Within minutes the fire spread to piles of timber

spread to piles of timber being used in the construc-tion work and Daysley left to watch the fire from a neighbouring street before walking home.

Daysley, who admitted arson, burglary and theft, was arrested two weeks later in a stolen car. He broke down under questioning Dr Peter Watson-Wood, a psychiatrist who examined Daysley, told the judge that he was suffering from a psychopathic disorder.

#### 'Cured' man attacked housewife

From Our Correspondent, Nottingham

A former Rampton patient kidnapped a young wife and tried to rape her at knife-point less than a year after doctors had declared him cured of a psychiatric dis-

Rodney Harrison, aged 31 was jailed for 14 years by Nottingham Crown Court yesterday after admitting abduction and attempted

mr Justice Beldam ex pressed concern at the case gation into how Harrison obtained the knife.

It was the third time Harrison, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, had threatened a woman with a knife. The first was in Leeds in 1969, and in May, 1970, he was sent to Rampton top security hospital for twice raping a preg-

nant housewife.

Last January doctors considered him cured and allowed him out on a rehabilitation course at Balderton psychiatric hospital, near Newark. But in October he grabbed a housewife and forced her to drive 20 miles with a knife at her neck and

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lity point

#### Victimized teacher gets £5,750

pound. There are also amaz-ing varieties of bright and

shiny red apples imported from north America.

There is also a wider range of exotica available than ever before. Those who miss their

sprouts can compensate with lychees, kumquats, prickly pears, sharon fruit, Catalan salad, which looks like overgrown dandelions, and radiccio, Italian red lettuces.

Miss Mary Fahy, a former senior school mistress, who claimed she became the

victim of a five-year victimization campaign after com-plaining that her headmaster drank on duty, has recovered f5,750 in compensation. Last month Miss Fahy, aged 55, won her claim for unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal in Sheffield.

The tribunal found she had been unfairly dismissed from her teaching job at St Bernard's Roman Catholic School, Rotherham, and adjourned the case for com pensation to be settled.

The parties have agreed Miss Fahy's solicitor, con-firmed that Rotherham Education Authority had agreed to pay £5,750.

During the tribunal hearing Miss Fahy, a teacher for 33 years, was alleged to have complained about Mr James O'Connor, her headmaster, drinking on duty, which led to the company to the campaign.

forced her to drive 20 miles with a knife at her neck and breast.

Miss Heather Swindells, for the prosecution, said Harrison ordered the woman to stop and tied her hands behind her back. "He removed the lower part of her clothing, forced her to have oral sex three times, and tried to rape her.

At this point he seemed to come to his senses. He apologized and allowed her to get dressed."

to the campaign.

Finally Mr O'Connor took away her classes and gave them to other teachers. He also relieved her of pastoral duties. As a senior mistress she claimed she was in effect dismissed by Mr O'Connor and forced into early retirement in October last year, after being driven to the point of a nervous break-down.

The tribunal was also told that Miss Fahy was unable to control classes

## There is absolutely no point in rushing round to your local off-licence and demanding a bottle.

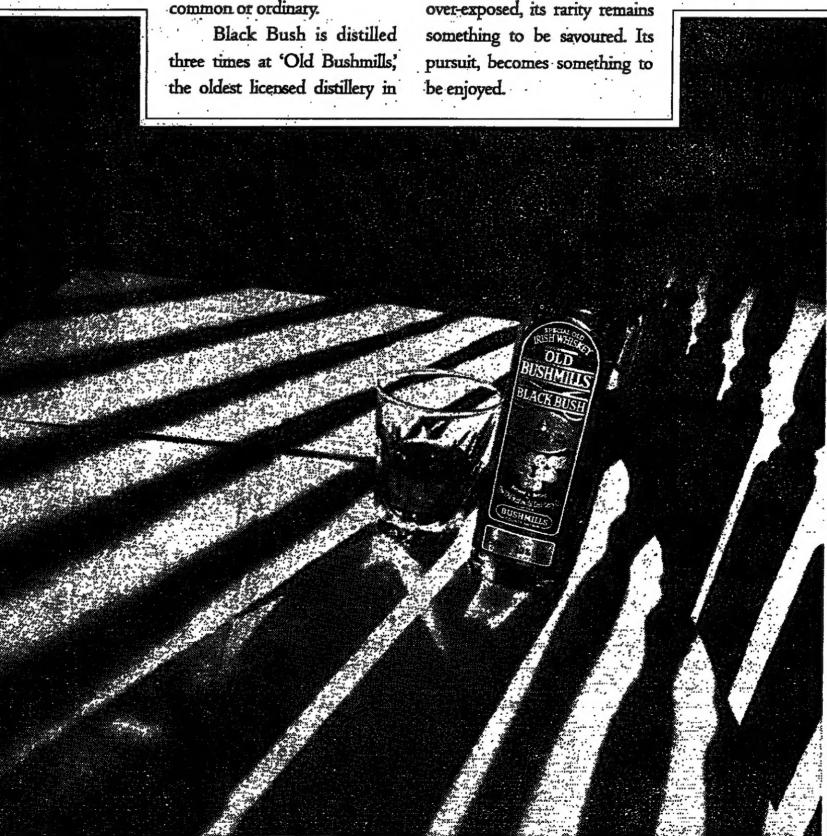
You have to know where to find Black Bush Irish whiskey. It's no good trying the nearest off-licence on the off chance, you're more likely to be disappointed.

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# **BLACK BUSH**

### Families £22 poorer under Bill, TUC says

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspon

Families could lose up to £22 a week under the Government's plan to switch responsibility for sick pay from the state to employers, according to TUC calculations. In a briefing urging trade unionists to campaign against the plan, the TUC argues that employers will also suffer from heavier financial and administrative burdens.

The plan is one of the two main proposals in the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, now in standing committee in the Commons.

It would make employers responsible for paying a flat-rate benefit for the first eight weeks of sickness for employers prove covered by the TUC says disabled and the first eight weeks of sickness for employers related supplement in November, 1979.

The TUC says disabled and the proposed level would leave proposed level would leave proposed level would leave even single people worse off in real terms. Than in November, 1979.

Taking inflation since 1979, into account the TUC says the proposed £37 flat rate would mean £3.37 a week less for a single person if it was paid now. For a married couple the loss would be £17.91 a week, and for a married couple with two children the loss would be £22.23 a week.

All the figures are based on people receiving sickness benefit plus the maximum earnings related supplement in November, 1979.

weeks of sickness for em-ployees now covered by national insurance sickness benefit, which pays extra for dependent spouses and chil-

At present benefit levels, the new employer's statutory sick pay scheme (ESSP) would pay a flat-rate benefit of £37 a week, irrespective of family circumstances. TUC

All the figures are based on people receiving sickness benefit plus the maximum earnings related supplement in November, 1979.

The TUC says disabled and elderly workers would find it harder to obtain and keep jobs. Unscrupulous employers would have more opportunities to harass and victimize workers, and the victimize workers, and the reduction in their contri-butions would mean an overall loss to the national

#### Death ride on motorbike

Two joyriders died when they crashed on a stolen motor cycle while being chased at high speed by the police, an inquest at Liver-pool was told yesterday.

The youngsters, who were unemployed, lost control of the 750cc machine as they look a bend at 80mph last 0ctober. David Emery, aged october. David Emery, aged 13, was killed on impact and Authony Jones, aged 17, the pillion passenger, died later in hospital from head injuries.

A police patrol car saw them breaking the 30mph limit and gave chase. Police Constable Raymond Clark, who was driving, said: "I

switched on the revolving blue light and flashed at the motor cycle, indicating it to stop. But the pillion passen-ger looked round the the

ger looked round the the motor cycle increased its speed." It was clear an accident was inevitable.

Mr Edward Emery, aged 38, of Scarisbrick Road, Norris Green, Liverpool, told the hearing that David, the eldest of his eight children, hear in trouble with had been in trouble with motoring offences.

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Mr Tony Ensor, Merseyiside deputy coroner, recording verdicts of misadventure,
said that the police officers
had not acted in any way
unreasonably in chasing the

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IN SUMMARY

### MPs clash with party postponed

Showdown between the Labour MP, Mr Albert Duffy, and his constituency party over claims that he collaborated with the management of a firm planning to make 80 workers redundant, has been put off until after Christmas.

The disoute flared after The dispute flared after alleged tape recordings of a telephone conversation between Mr Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe, and Mr Scienced, Americane, and ma Brian McAteer, managing director of Davy Instru-ments, of Darnall, Sheffield, were passed to union offi-

The tapes are alleged to show Mr Duffy to be siding with the Management and undermining union action to save jobs. Attercliffe Labour Party is to discuss the matter at a special meeting on January 30.

#### Redundancy is not 'sacking'

"Sacked" is an inappro-priate word to describe redundancy, the Press Council repeated today.

It upheld a complaint by Mrs C. D. Tucker, of Rayner's Lane, Harrow, Middlesex, that having published a headline which implied that Mrs Tucker who had been made redundant had been made redundant, had been "sacked", the editor of the Harrow Observer failed to publish a

#### New face at helm of 'TLS'



Mr Jeremy Treglown, aged 35, who is taking over as the editor of *The Times Literary*: upplement in succession to Mr John Gross next month.

Mr Treglown, who is now assistant editor at the TLS, taught English literature at Lincoln College, Oxford, and University College London before entering journalism. He has also made his mark as an actor and "raped" the film Il Amante in Blue Jeans.

Third time unlucky

Pensioners at St Clement's Court, Farnborough, Hamp-shire, have had their Christmas tree cut down by vandals for the third successive year. A local garden centre has

A new life at 90

Mr Ted Waldridge, of Ipswich, is planning to emi-grate at the age of 90. He is going to live with his daughter in Perth, Australia, where he expects to arrive on Christmas Day.



Shaggy llama story: Mr Frank Bailey feeding some of his herd of eight llamas, native home South America, on his farm in Dorset. The herd started with two animals and even reached 13 before some were sold. Llama wool is used to make capes and hats in the specialist woollen trade.

the Schools Council should

continue with its present role

and functions for school examinations and develop-ment of the curriculum. Mr Brinton and Mr Osborn are understood to have voted

against that recommendation as well. The select committee's report is expected until February.

Specialist teacher associ-

ations have criticised the proposed draft national cri-

teria for the new 16-plus examination, which have been drawn up by subject working parties of the joint council of the CGE and CSE

The latest criticism comes

comes the Government's proposals for a common examination at 16-plus, it finds the present haste

examination boards.

## Joseph's doubt on 16-plus exam | CND 'puts

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

The future of the proposed single examination system for pupils aged 16, which is meant to replace CSE and 0 levels, is in doubt. The Government's commitment to introducing the new examination seems to be weakening.

tion seems to be weakening.

It is nearly two years since Mr Mark Carlisle, the former Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced that the Government had decided to go ahead with a single 16-plus examining system. No date was given for its introduction, but it was generally expected that it would be in about 1985 or 1986.

However, Sir Keith Joseph, the new Sectetary of State, is not yet convinced of the merits of the new examination. Like Mr Rhodes Boyson, minister responsible for schools, who is strongly opposed to the new examination, he is narticularly opposed to the new examin-ation, he is particularly worried about the effect on recognized O level standards and about the feasibility of having a single system of examining at all for such a wide ability range of pupils in subjects like mathematics.

The Government had hoped

the case before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Glidewell. He denied con-

tempt of court.

a firm introduction date. Secretary of State, as pro-However, Sir Keith's hesi-tation has so far prevented It also recommends that

A draft "descriptive docu-ment" may be sent out for comment to examination boards in January, before the publication of a public docu-ment. Whether even that will happen depends on decisions that Sir Keith is expected to take over the next few days. The all-party Commons The all-party Commons Select Committee on Edu-

cation and Science, which has just finished its report on the school curriculum and on the school curriculum and examinations for pupils aged 14 to 16, has come out firmly in favour of a single system of examining at 16-plus. However, it recommends that it should be for all pupils and not just for those in the top 60 per cent of the ability range as proposed. 60 per cent of the ability from the association for range, as proposed.

It is understood that two of the five Conservatives on the yesterday that while it wel-

committee, Mr Timothy Brinton, MP for Gravesend, and Mr John Osborn, MP for Sheffield, Hallam, voted against the introduction of The proposals offered "little or nothing" which the average citizen would find worthwhile in his or her general education, "and if the proposals are adopted they could had

The select committee recommends that the national criteria on the content, aims to publish a document last and methods assessment, for October, possibly in the form new examination should be of a White Paper, explaining laid down by a reconstituted in greater detail plans for the Central Advisory Council for new examination and setting Education and not by the

## people in danger'

By Lucy Hodges civilians in wartime is worse than at any time since the 1930s and is a national scandal, the National Council for Civil Defence says in a report published today. It blames the Campaign for Nuclear Disagramance for Nuclear Disarmament for its opposition to civil defence

which, it says, has led to more than 100 local authorities refusing to take part in next year's Hard Rock defence exercise. CND has campaigned against civil defence, saying that it gives people a false sense of security and makes war more likely because people will think they can

survive. Today's report adds that Labour's sucesses in gaining control of local authorities makes it more difficult for the Government's new measures to be implemented.

but says the record of Conservative councils is not much better.

Cuts have prevented them from expanding emergency planning teams and improving the local wartime head-quarters, as suggested by the Home Secretary.

The report, by Mr Edward Leigh, the civil defence council's chairman, says expanded emergency plan-ning teams were to have been the lynchpin of the new programme, but only Hert-fordshire had made a sub-

stantial increase.
It says staffing figures for metrop areas show "that just 55 men and women are expected to handle all aspects of peace time emergency and wartime emergency planning for more than 18,500,000 people".

In Tyneside one person would look after 1,100,000 people. "If war were to occur, then it would indeed be true to say that never in the field of human conflict would so much be expected by so many of so few."

Mr Leigh says civil defence

preparations make sense on purely humanitarian purely humanitarian grounds. "Ironically, the mythical insistence of the enemies of civil defence that large numbers would not survive a nuclear attack maximizes the likelihood of this prophecy coming true — for want of the very prep-arations which would other-wise have been taken."

The report says CND activists have been putting Home Office leaflets through a pulping machine and that Derbyshire's Labour authority relieved its chief executive of his job as wartime controller. controller

The council urges the Home Office to use its powers to force recalcitrant local anthorities to carry out adequate civil defence planning. ☐ County councillors in Mid

Glamorgan yesterday dec-laired their area a nuclear free zone, then immediately accepted a £389,000 tender for an emergency shelter to be used in case of war (Tim Jones writes from Cardiff). Leaders of the Labourcontroled council failed to explain what is inside the centre, on a Bridgend indus-trial estate.

## Homosexual conviction is quashed by Army Board

A soldier convicted by The court was told, that court martial of a homosex-rivate Biggs had admitted the offence to Army investi-conviction and sentence gators. quashed in a race move by

made the admissions because he expected to be discharged from the Army for other Army Ordnance Corps, serv-ing with 7 Field Force at Colchester.

else happened. An Army spokesman said last night that a solier had a

## **Euro-MPs vote** for higher budget spending

From George Clark, Strasbourg, Dec 12

summoned to an urgent meeting in Brussels next week to try to resolve a dispute which has arisen between them and the European Parliament about the size and purpose of the EEC; budget for 1982.

When he addressed the Parliament in Strasbourg to approve the Council's spending plans, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, said it would urgently consult his colleagues to find out whether they would agree to the new maximum. Parliament would be informed of the results. On the 1981 budget He said the council agreed with Parliament's request for an extra £32m for social measures to help steel workers. summoned to an urgent meeting in Brussels next

ing plans, Lord Carxington, the Foreign Secretary, said it was one of the outstanding problems which remained at the end of Britain's period of

Parliament had gone beyond what the Council had been prepared to agree. "I can only hope that we are not heading, for the third year running, towards a budget dispute", he said.

lasting more than two hours, the European Parliament finished the morning session with its own amended budget figures. The MEPs requested that more money should be made available for the social and regional funds to help economic development in Community countries, and more should go out in development aid to deprived countries.

compared with the earlier figure of £193m, and £116m Against the background of

total budget of about 12,034m in commitments, and £11,381m in payments, the difference did not seem. likely to lead to any great confrontation, and there is a period of several weeks during which the Council may make concessions.

Members of the European

Court told

of order to

kill whites

From Stephen Taylor Salisbury, Dec 17

denied that he had been

informed of murders by two former guerrillas who are

alleged to have been acting on the medium's orders, or

that he had discussed the

He was giving evidence for

the defence at the trial of Miss Sophie Muchini, who had attracted a cult following

in the indigenous religion of the Shona people and claime

to be the reincarnation of a revolutionary nanga who led

the first rebellion against white settlers in 1896.

farmers in the Fort Victoria

district because "their farms were on the soil of the chilkdren of Zimbabwe".

Two of her followers who are under sentence of death have told the court that after killing Mr Abraham Roux and his wife Margaret in

FINAL RESULTS

IN MALTA POLL

last weekend's Maltese elec-tions showed that Mr Dom

Mintoff's victorious Labour

Party was outpolled by more than 5,000 votes by its Nationalist rival. The Maltese Electoral

Commission presented the final tally to President Anton

Buttigieg, showing that Mr Mintoff's party won 109,990 votes, while Mr Eddie Fenech-Adami's Nationalist

Party got 114,132. Eut Labour retained its 34 seats

in the 65-seat Parliament.

Valletta. - Final results of

medical advice.

killings with her

A murder trial in which a

The European Council of would have shown more isters has been restraint. to an urgent Mr Nicholas Ridley, Fman

> workers. · Some members of Parlia-Some members of Parliament recently involved in negotiations with the ministers complained about what they considered the ministers' stubborn attitude. They said that some countries, notably Western Germany and Prance, who had called for more to be spent on economic development, were opposed to higher spending when it came to a decision.
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> There is also a continuing

There is also a continuing argument about the classifiargument about the classic-cation of expenditure, which affects Parliament's powers to influence spending. Signor Altiero Spinelli, the Italian communist who is rapporteur for the budget's committee,

more should go out in "The whole mechanism for development aid to deprived negotiations with the Council to cause the discountries.

In fact, the parliamentarians had considerably reduced the demands they made in November. Today's made in November. Today's total of extra demands came to £13im in commitments, compared with the earlier witessed in the past few weeks.

"How many dead will be required to cause the dismissal of the Commissal of the

weeks.

Herr Erwin Lange, the
West German Socialist, who
was responsible for piloting
the budget through Parliament, said it was "just a
patchwork quilt". It gave no
idea about the way the Community was going to develop. In the "mandate" discussions, the European Commission must make pro-posals to change the system.

One of the main points of disagreement is Parliament's Democratic (conservative) disagreement is Parliament's group led the forces of decision to increase by £15m moderation. Their spokes the amount allocated for aid men said afterwards that to the poorest of the poor they had hoped Parliament countries.

## Air France flies into union storm

From Our Own Correspon-

Paris, Dec 17
The board of Air France today decided to buy the 12
Boeing 737 airliners which the strikes has incited for woman spirit medium is alleged to have incited her followers to murder white today with evidence by a former Minister of Health years that it needs for its low density traffic, especially on some medium-distance serthat he had consulted her for ices in Europe. But Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, who was dismissed from the Cabinet in October,

French flying personnel, especially flight engineers and their unions, have consistently objected to the purchase of the Boeings because they maist that all airliners must carry a pilot, co-pilot and a flight engineer. Elsewhere 737s are flown with a pilot and co-pilot only. Now the unions have given notice of a strike on December 22 and 23, which, if it goes ahead, will cause chaos with holiday traffic, espec-ially Paris London flights.

### East wind hits Paris motion of censure 🧀

From Charles Hargrove,

its impact by the dramatic situation in Poland. Some Opposition speakers appreciated this and included in their condemnation of the Government its "timid, honeyed, and almost shameful" stand — to quote one Giscardian member — on the Giscardian member Polish crisis, inevitably the motion was lost owing to the usual massive Government majority of 244 votes to 151. It was the third the Oppo-sition has tabled against the Government since the left took power seven months

ago.

Poland provides the Opposition with a heaven-sent opportunity to point out the internal contradictions of the internal contradictions of the left which it has revealed.
"We might have agreed to withdraw this motion in a gesture of national unity." M Claude Labbe, the chairman of the Gaullist parliamentary party, said. "But your attitude towards the Polish crisis convinced us to go ahead with it. We do not want the icy wind of Warsaw to blow on France tomorrow

The Government and its majority naturally reacted strongly to what M Georges Sarre, the leader of the Socialist group in the Paris Council, described as "the shocking exploitation by the Opposition for domestic polinical ends of the tragedy the Polish people is experiencing

Polish people is experiencing at present. The Opposition is the prey of a phantasm to divide the left, and to achieve this, everything goes".

M André Labarrère, the
Minister in charge of re-lations with Parliament, insisted that what bothered the Opposition was that "in the final analysis, you do not care two hoots about the Poles. What you are trying to do is to use them for an internal political operation".

internal political operation."

Under the circumstances, the defence of the Government's economic record by M. Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, almost went unnoticed. "Sconomic recovery is at hand. The increase in membloyment is falling. The rise in prices is slowing down. The expansion of agriculture is ensured, The means of coping with delinquency are at hand. quency are at hand.

"Gaullism, which can no longer survive; and liberalism, which is discredited, are compelled to borrow their ideas from a few extreme right-wing activists.

"When the right wants to renew itself, it draws from the anti-egalitarian and anti-Christian arsenal of ideas which in the first half of this century, produced the catastrophes we know. It would be serious if through mere hostility to the Government's policy, democrats allowed themselves to be taken in by false new ideas," Minister added. the Prime

#### Czech authorities try to crush church

From David Blow, Vienna, Dec 17 Security police are now is thought to have been

Miss Muchini, aged 44, has denied exhorting former guerrillas who came to her to be exorcized of the spirit of killing to murder four white March on Miss Muchini's orders they had gone to Salisbury, again at her be-hest, to tell the Minister.

found at the foot of a crevasse near his home city of Brito. The authorities said it was suicide but refused to allow his relatives to see the body before it was buried. Mr Svejda, who was due to get married two weeks later, was known as a devour Christian and had just returned from Rome where he had visited his uncle. A Jesuit theologian Rome where he had visited given rise to the "underhis uncle. A Jesuit theologian at the Gregorian University.

Earlier, in February, Premysi Coufal, aged 49, was found dead in his apartment in Bratislava. On this occasion friends managed to

trick the authorities into trick the authorities into Anyone found to be in-letting them see the body. They found the face and liable to be severely pun-forehead heavily bruised, ished. Such trials are becoming wound by the temples. Mr increasingly frequent and Confal had also been to Rome there are now over 100 shortly before his death and priests in prison.

Security police are now is thought to have been thought to have been responsible for the mysterious deaths in Czechoslovakia this year of two Catholic Activists, members of the "underground" or "catamenter or "catame comb church.
On October 10 the body of been set up to deal with it.
Pavel Svejda, aged 20, was found at the foot of a officially authorized priests are expected to confine the activities to the performance of church ritual, and are of church ritual and are firmly discouraged from any active role in the

community.
It is this deliberate attempt ot squeeze the life out of the Catholic Church that has

more active role

n Bratislava. On this occ- prayer meetings ans bible ision friends managed to readings.

## Baby blood traces found in pastor's car

From Douglas Aiton, Melbourne, Dec 17

Human foetal or baby blood year. Today is the fourth day human foetal origin. Mrs was found in a car owned by of the inquest.

Mr Michael Chamberlain, a Mrs Kuhl, employed by the from a child aged less than pastor of the Seventh Day New South Wales Health six months. She also examined the carpet in the front pastor of the Seventh Day Advetist Church, and his wife, a forensic biologist told Department, was giving evidence of examinations she an inquest in Alice Springs made on items taken out of today. Blood of foeral origin the car and on tests she made was also on a pair of scissors and a yellow towel found in the car the biologist, Mrs Joy of scissors. "I found the Kuhl said.

dence of examinations she passenger seat of the car and made on items taken out of it showed blood stains. There the car and on tests she made on the inside of the car.

She made in the car and on tests she made were also samples of blood flakes under the passenger. seat.

A key witness in the new inquest arrived in Darwin today from London Professor James Cameron a leading forensic expert, later left for Alice Springs. He is expected to give evidence



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#### QC demands prison for 'More black a silent journalist candidates' Sir Michael Havers, QC, question on the source of a call to Foot two High Court judges to jail Mr Lundin had refused Gilbert Jack Lundin, of The twice to answer the question Mr Lundin had refused

From yesterday's

later editions

More people are

watching TV

more, BBC says

the BBC's annual review of research findings.

It confirms the increase

Tariq Ali admitted

the recommendation of its

Mr Ali, a former Inter-national Marxist Group

member, had appealed to Hornsey to hear his member-

ship application after it had been rejected by Crouch End, his local ward on

Driver must pay

A disqualified driver who ran down and broke both legs of a policeman who tried

to stop him five years ago was ordered yesterday to pay him £1,000.

Nicholas Kehoe, who now lives in Germany, was also given an 18-month jail sen-tence, suspended for two

guilty at St Albans C Court of wanton driving.

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worrying.

Mr Russell Profitt, a black this week against newspaper men. Judgment is expected councillor in Lewisham, failed recently to be shor-tlisted for the Labour protoday or on Monday in his Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, application for jail orders or for the Attorney-General, other penalties against Sir said Mr Lundin was called as John Junor, editor of the a witness at the trial of Sunday Express, and Mr Police Sergeant Brian Caw-ston at Nottingham Crown David English, editor of the ston at Nottingham Crown Court last June.

He refused to answer a Dozn's syndrome help trial spective candidature in Peckam, London. Miss Harriet Harman, legal officer of the National Council for Civil nomination. He refused to answer a Down's syndrome baby trial.

has won that The letter, from the Stand ing Conference of Afro-carib-bean and Asian Councillors, says that it is very concerned about the lack of support for black candidates in areas where the party normally stands a good chance

"I am sure you must realize that should such a state of affairs continue, many black and Asian elec tors would find it extremely difficult to continue to sup-port the Labour Party", Mr Karamata Hussein, chairman of the standing conference,

#### On an average day last year about 42 million people, more than 80 per cent of the population, watched at least some television, according to An institute of London University has been found to have discriminated against an Asian by not considering him properly for promotion and has been ordered to pay £100 in compensation by an indus-trial tribunal. trend in viewing over the past decade, with the amount of viewing each week averaging just under 18.25 hours a person, against the highest level recorded recently.

The tribunal was not satisfied that the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, had reasonable grounds for deciding that Mr Riaz Khan lacked the super-visory skills for chief of the

#### Labour Party, in north Lon-ion, decided on Wednesday chemical pathology laboranight to grant membership to Mr Tariq Ali. On Tuesday the party's national executive committee had endorsed

# From Our Correspondent, Colchester

the Army Board.
The board gave no reason for their decision on an appeal by Private Peter-Biggs, aged 22, of the Royal

But an Eastern District spokesman said: "It is most unusual for the army board to overturn completely con-viction and sentence". Private Biggs was sen-

tenced by a court martial at Colchester last October of "disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind" He was said to have taken part in a homosexual act with another soldier in barracks at Osnahruck, West Germany.

In court he denied the offence and said he had only

Private Biggs said that at the time of the alleged offence he had been too drunk to know if anything

right to appeal to the Army's ruling body, if he was disatisfied with the findings of a court

# Board the Army's ruling body, if he was disatisfied with the findings of a court martial. In this case it had overturned the conviction. Private Biggs was free to resume his service career with an unblemished record. The car the biologist, Mrs Joy of scissors. If found the kuhl, said. A key with a presence of blood on the inquest arrows the handle and there was a small deposit of blood around fessor Jam coroner, is holding a new the handle and the inside inquest on Azaria, a baby of nine weeks, who disappeared Experiments I caried out expected to at Ayers Rock in August last

# Carrington complains of EEC indecisiveness

A frustrated Lord Carrington stood before the European Parliament this afternoon to complain about the
increasing difficulties of getting decisions from the
European institutions.

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of Ministers for the past six
months the Foreign Secretary was reporting on the
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From Ian Murray, Strasbourg, Dec 17

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It showed there had been failure to get a decision on four of the most important issues Britain had tried to resolve: a fishing policy, an insurance directive, cheaper air fares and, most important of all, a new budgetary mechanism for the Community.

On the credit side, however, he was able to report success in 66 different areas, from sewage sludge treatment; through help for the disabled to bringing into force the third international cocoa agreement. They were listed in a 19-page document issued today reporting the force the third international cocoa agreement. They were listed in a 19-page document issued today reporting the achievements of the presi-

The four issues where the presidency failed accounted for Lord Carrington's obvious frustration. They made up what he called the dark side of the picture of the presidency. It was, he said, not to the Community's credit that it had failed to reach agreement on the reach agreement on the budget reforms.

He was particularly scath-ing about the breakdown of negotiations on the telecom-munications market. "To munications market. "To their discredit," he said, "the foreign ministers have been unable to agree . . . because

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Dec 17

As speculation grows about an impending rapprochement between Israel and a number of black African states, Israel

radio has reported that the

government is now in contact with seven African govern-ments with which it has no

ciplomatic ties.

Senior government officials refused to comment on the report, which comes after confirmation that Mr Ariel

Sharon, the Defence Minis-ter, recently made an unpub-licized trip to four central

African countries in an effort

to promote a resumption of diplomatic relations. Already President Mobutu of Zaire has said publicly

that he is prepared to resume the ties broken in 1973, but

only in concert with other

Two main factors lie be-hind Israel's hope of an end to its diplomatic isolation in

Africa: the growing threat to

Africa: the growing threat to a number of pro-western African governments from Colonel Gaddafi of Libya; and next April's scheduled han-dback to Egypt of the remaining occupied third of

In addition, senior lasaeli sources have cited the re-

cently signed strategic coop-eration agreement with America and improved re-

lations with the new French' government of President Mitterrand as other influences favouring the expected rapprochement.

This dispatch was subject to military censorship.

**PAKISTANIS** 

INSIST ON

ARMS RIGHT

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad, Dec 17 Pakistan has told India it will not forgo its sovereign right to acquire arms for defence. Official sources said today such a condition could

not be accepted as the price of friendship. Pakistan Foreign Ministry

sources also categorically denied any arms build-up along the borders with India,

and said conditions were normal there. It is under-

stood that army field exer-cises are normal at this time

Mr Shiv Raj Patil, Indian Minister of State for Defence, told Parliament in

Delhi on December 16 he had

protested against the alleged arms build-up in Pakistan. Such statements, the Paki-stani sources said, tended to

generate unnecessary ten-

They rejected the Indian

They rejected the Indian protests against sales of American military equipment including F16 fighter aircraft, as baseless, pointing out that India already possesses a high performance aircraft including legures MiG23s and MiG25s.

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mily the same was not-true in what he said about the Community's external re-lations during the British

He spent a good deal of his report on looking at the area of political cooperation, in which he has taken a particular interest. This was because of his firm belief that "the Community should exert an influence in world affairs more appropriate to its position".

position".

He said proudly that he had found in third countries.
"A growing expectation that Europe will speak with one voice and a growing wish for a dialogue with the Ten as

which he had been involved in-taking the initiative on behalf of the council. In the Lord Carrington's criticisms were largely aimed at failures to resolve internal problems. This was why he obviously so regretted the lack of success in finding a formula for budgetary reform.

"The Community can only advance and prosper if it is able to secure and retain the understanding and support of its citizens," he warned. "To do so it must show itself to be flexible enough to keep pace with a world of rapid change, and dynamic enough to offer a lead rather than simply responding to events."

He complained that "divergence among community was realistic and practical."



Father and son: A single teardrop rolls down the cheek of Jimmy Wilson after being reunited with his father Jay at a North Carolina bus station after 36 years. Jay last saw his son as a six-week-old baby.

#### Sana hopes to end rebellion

## Two Yemens plan closer links From Michael Knipe, Sans, North Yemen, Dec 17

The Sana Government's control of this mountainous

tip of the Arabian peninsula is still temous. Tribesmen, loyal to local shaikhs and armed with ancient FM and Mauser rifles, maintain their own law and order. However, by gradually extending miblic

by gradually extending public services, such as schools and clinics, the central Govern-ment is slowly imposing its authority, if not its ability to

The Government of North brief war between North and Yemen is hoping that a South Yemen in 1979. Earlier meeting in Aden earlier this this year spasmodic clashes month between its leader, were reported between the President All Abdullah Saleh, Front and the North Yemen and President Nasser Army and in January the Muhammad of South Yemen Minister of Local Govern-will end the guerrilla activiment was murdered as he ties of the National Demo-cratic Front (NDF) rebels in North Yemen. The Sana Government's

The summit ended with agreement on plans for wide-ranging political and economic cooperation between the two ideologically opposed Yemen states. Aden radio quoted President Saleh as saying that if the agreement was fully implemented it would be the foundation of a united future

A more cautious view is being expressed in Sana. "We might reach the opposite banks of a river", said one well-informed North Yemeni, "but the current will still be. flowing fast between us."

With unity seen as a still remote prospect, the Sanaa Government's attention is fixed upon what it regards as the more immediate fruits of the cross-border negotiations

Despite all the representation of the frontier since Israel announced the annexation of annexation announced the annexation of announced the annexation of the Council has already to the Council has alr Sana Government and its links with the traditional northern shaikhdoms.

The NDF, with the support of some of the fiercely independent tribesmen in the border area who resent the authority of the central authority of the central It was well known, he said, cation of the two Yemens Government, spearheaded a that South Yemen had been a may still be a long way off.

staging post for the Front and if the Aden Government ceased to provide a haven for the rebels, they would become an interior problem with which the Sanaa Government would have no difficulty in dealing.

The fact that the Aden Government is ready to make

Government is ready to make the agreement public and adhere to it, even though it was more than a year old was, said Dr Irani, a "most provide element" positive element".

For all the Prime Minis-

ter's enthusiasm, however, press reports of the summit emerging from Aden have made no mention of any pledge of non-belligerence and observers here are scep-tical that the Aden Govern-ment will abandon the NDF

completely.

Dr Irani said the next step Extensive journeys to Taiz in the south and Marib in the east established that security checkpoints were lightly in improving relations between the two Yemens checkpoints were lightly manned and relaxed in oper-ation, indicating that rebel would be to complete consti-tutional proposals for a united Yemeni state. Most of activity is fairly minimal.

The Government is convinced that the NDF has survived only because of the backing it has received from the Marxist Government in the Marxist Government in the Marxist Government in the market this may be some of the proposed union was one of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the majority of the proposed union was one of the proposed union the details, but the final form the details, but the f

According to Dr Abdul Karim Ali al-Irani, the North Yemen Prime Minister, President Muhammad of South Yemen has agreed to the publication of an agreement, reached a year earlier between the two governments, which states that neither side will support any military, political or press Asked how the nogotia-tions were viewed by Saudi Arabia, Dr Irani said the Riyadh Government was in favour of anything that led to stability in the region and had always given Sanaa "a blank cheque" in that

respect.
A united Yemen, he said. would be a non-aligned state, "but perhaps something in between where we are (nonaligned) and where they are (pro-Soviet)".

Clearly there are difficulties to be resolved and final agreement on unifi-

transplanted and travelling New Yorkers.

The National Observer tried valliantly for 15 years to invade the mass market now being reconnoitred by Gannett before it folded in 1977.

USA Today will not be a

pioneer in satellite trans-mission of its pages, because the Wall Street Journal has been doing it for five years.

task force of Gametr execu-tives, employed by a new subsidiary, Gannett Satellite

Information Network, began

He is convinced that the

The economic stabilization plan, including stringent

government retrenchment, is largely Mr Diour's brainchild

and work is at last under way on the ambitious plans to harness the hydroelectric

and irrigation potential of the Senegal River, as well as on plans for a chemicals indus-

try and the development of fisheries.

their research.

"In other words, there will be strict adherance to good neighbourly relations", Dr Rani told a group of visiting British journalists.

#### Reagan makes history in Congress

From Bailey Morris
Washington, Dec 17
The ninety seventh Congress adjourned late last
night after handing President Reagan two more victories in an historic first session an historic first session dominated by unprecedented budget cuts and huge increases in defence spending. In the rush to adjourn before Christmas, weary legislators debated into the night, finally agreeing just before midnight to give Mr Resgan a foreign aid programme and a new farm Bill very close to those he had very close to those he had asked for.

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Not since the early years of the Lyndon Johnson Administration has a session of Congress been so dominated by a president who had requested and got a series of programmes which represent a fundamental change in the arbitic action of the United

programmes which represent a fundamental change in the public policy of the United States.

Indeed, Mr Reagan issued a statement through his spokesman claiming seven major victories in the first session of the Congress which begins its second session on January 25.

As itemized by the White House, the victories include: Passage of the biggest defence budget in Americas history amounting to \$200,000m (about £111,000m); two rounds of unprecedented

\$200,000m (about £111,000m); two rounds of unprecedented budget cuts totalling about \$40,000m; the first fully-authorized foreign aid programme in three years setting spending levels at \$11,500m; huge tax cuts amounting to more than \$400,000m; the sales of Awacs radar aircraft to Saudi Arabia, and a pared-down, stopgap spending measure for fiscal 1982 creating an additional \$4,000m in budget cuts.

It was a session that initiated a dramatic reversal of a half century of growth in social welfare pro-grammes. Mr Howard Baker, grammes. Mr Howard Baker, of Tennessee, the Senate majority leader, summed it by saying: "It is a controversial congress; but I think almost no one will dispute that it has made more fundamental changes in public policy than any Congress in decades".

Only towards the end of

Only towards the end of the session, as the deepening recession in America began to bite, did Rebublicans and Democrats alike dig in their heels and fight Mr Reagan

openly. The one victory claimed by Democrats in the House last night was their successful effort to restore the minimum benefit of \$122 in social security funds for more that three million old people.

Battles over social pro-grammes and Mr Reagan's economic policies will most certainly intensify in the second session when the President outlines his new year requests in the annual State of the Union speech scheduled for January 26. This session of Congress

has passed 10 of the 13 regular spending Bills to fund programmes for the 1982 fiscal year which began in October.

A little-noticed provision of the foreign aid package reduces American contribution, to the International Development Association, which makes the World Bank's soft loans. Congress voted about \$700m. Administ-ration officials asked for

#### **NEW YORK** DUSTMEN END STRIKE

From Michael Hamyin
New York, Dec 17
A tenative agreement
hammered out in talks that
lasted all through the night
looks like ending the dustmen's strike that has filled
rooftops and streets in the
city with rubbish.
The agreement, which has
to be ratified by a meeting of
the striking Teamsters, came
as city sanitation lovries each
with a police escort started to

Mr Neuharth has invested a considerable sum on the idea, preparation having begun in March 1980, when a with a police escort started to pick up the 100,000 tons of rubbish that has been gently rotting in the winter's damp

American public has a vo-racious appetite for infor-mation, and he is concerned that it is not getting enough of the material gathered by the company's 4,168 journal-ists. The strike has been against the private carters, who pick up rubbish from commercial premises — including res-"Analysis indicates we now premises — including restaurants, private hospitals, and offices — and not the municiple department, which services private households. probably deliver to con-sumers only about 20 per cent of the news and infor-mation which we gather", he

### NEWS IN SUMMARY First phase of arms talks end

The initial phase of the American-Soviet negotiations on intermediate-range nuclear weapons concluded with a sixth formal meeting.

with a sixth formal meeting, lasting 1hr 45mins, at the Soviet diplomatic mission. A communique said that after "the Christmas new year recess to permit the delegates to be with their families", meetings would resume on January 12.

While a news blackout has been in force since talks started on November 30, indications point to serious and difficult negotiations on reestablishing stability of deterrence. In the American perspective, this should be seen in conjuntion with the bilateral discussions on strategic intercontinental wea-

pons expected to begin in March.

The United States has also underlined that any limitation agreement must incorporate the control of the con porate provisions for strin-gent verification of com-pliance.

#### S Africa gets nuclear fuel

Paris. — South Africa has supplied enriched uranium to be turned into fuel elements in France for the first French-built South African nuclear power reactor. French company officials

said.
The fuel elements will be used to start up South Africa's first nuclear power Africa's first nuclear power station at Koeberg, near Cape Town, 12 months from now. Framatome, leader of a French consortium building the station, said the plant had undergone successful circuit pressure tests and should go into industrial production in December, 1982.

December, 1982.

"The South African Electricity Supply Commission has sent us a first consignment of enriched uranium which we are turning into fuel elements in accordance with our contract," M Jean-Claude Leny, Director-Gen-eral of Framatome, said. "How South Africa obtained that uranium is none of our concern."
The French Government has given Framatome permission to

#### 297 Released then arrested

Cario. - A total of 297 people were rearrested shor-tly after the prosecutor-gen-eral had dropped political charges against them, official sources said. described as "common criminals" by the Government, were rounded up again under the emergency law for con-stituting a "danger to

stituting a "danger to national security". They were among 1,563 people arrested under Presi-dent Sadat's regime for alleged involvement in sec-tarian strife which left some 80 Christians and Muslims dead earlier this year.

#### **Finnish Communists** suspend Stalinists

Helsinki. - The Finnish Communist Party, third largest in Western Europe, faced a serious crisis after all its Stalinist members were suspended from the parliamentary group until the end of the parliamentary session, which means until March,

The 11 hardliners were dismissed from the group after they had voted against the draft budget of the Centre-left coalition government and against the decision of their parliamentary group.

#### Lagos fire deaths

Lagos. — The terms of an official investigating panel appointed by President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria Shehu Shagari of Nigeria appear to suggest that several lives may have been lost in Monday night's fire in Lagos which destroyed the Foreign Ministry and Ministries of Science and Technology and Information. Earlier reports had spoken of one dead.

China to aid Sudan Khartum. — China will proknartum. — China will pro-vide military assistance to Sudan, following a visit to Peking by General Abdul Masid Hamid Khalil, the First Vice-President.

#### THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF

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call on the Israeli military authorities to re-open Birzeit University. POST. INSTITUTION

#### Israeli hope Sabre-rattling grows for renewed From Robert Fisk, Beirut, Dec 17 Africa links

But the angry denunci-ations from Dasscus and the warnings of an imminent conflict that are coming from Syrian officials are a facade.

black African governments.

Among those named in diplomatic circles here as possibilities are Gabon, and the Central African Republic.

The Israelis, it transpires, are also under their permitted strength along the truce lines. UN statistics show that they have redeployed some mechanized units that were mechanized units that were thinned out in August and September this year. But, in the words of one senior UN officer, "The Israelis had been at 20 per cent capacity. Now they are back to about

80 per cent".

In layman's language, this means that — for the forseeable future — neither Israel nor Syria has the slightest intention of attacking each other across the

It does not, of course, rule

It does not, of course, rule out the possibility of a future conflict in Lebanon, the country which Syria has already chosed as its field of battle should a war with Israel become inevitable. But it does confirm American suspicions that Syria is in no mood to attack Israel and that its anger at the Golan annexation is likely to be continued through strictly diplomatic channels.

At a press conference in Damascus this afternoon Mr. Iskander Ahmed Iskander, the Syrian Information Minister, stated clearly that Syria still adhered to the disengagement agreement which Dr. Henry Kissinger negotiated when he was the United States Secretary of State between Damascus and

# conceals diplomacy

after Israel's annexation of after Israel's annexation of the occupied Golan Heights, Syria today called for an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss sanctions against Israel.

amnounced the annexation of Golan on Monday.

According to official figures compiled by the United States will take a position in Nations Disengagement the council that is compatible Observer force (Undof), the with its public stands," Mr Syrians are even now main- Iskander commented. "We taining only 60 per cant of are waiting to see what the their permitted military strength under the disensagement agreement around speak."

"Would Israel recognize the existence of Palestinian peop-le and their legitimate

some of his comments. If a war began between Syria and Israel, he said, "Syrian mothers will not be the only ones to cry."

# Claiming that the Middle Tel Awy after the 1973 East was on the brink of war Middle East way.

Mr Iskander said that this "does not mean that we are not prepared to face any eventuality" and suggested that Syria would defend itself with courage and without hesitation if attacked. But Syria is far more interested in enlisting United States support for a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding that Israel rescind

Asked if Syria still refused to recognize Israel, the Information Minister claimed that the question should be rephrased. "Would Israel recognize that neighbouring Arab Countries have a right to their internationally recog-nized boundaries?" he asked.

Mr Jekander's hitterness at the annexation came out in

This rhetoric was made more explicit in a long and somewhat extraordinary editorial in the Syrian Englishlanguage paper Syria Times. The paper compared Israel to Nazi Germany.

## From satellite to breakfast table

military, political or press

activity against the other.

tries around the country from late autumn next year.

The editorial, service, and: advertising contents will be gathered together in Washington from the company's network of 85 newspapers, 13 radio stations, and seven television stations, and beamed to printing playte by beamed to printing plants by signals bounced off a satel-

signals bounced off a satellife.

"From our Earth station
we will be able to transmit
news, information, advertising and entertainment to an
infinite number of satellite
receiving stations around the
country", said Mr Allen
Neuharth, Gannett's chairman and president. Two
prototypes of the newspaper
were tested during the

From Ross Waby, Chicago, Dec 17 it possible for the Gannett of its vastness and regional company, America's largest differences, does not have a newspaper chain, to launch a national newspaper.

Gannett decided on Tuesday to risk up to \$100m approximate to a national (about £52m) on such a venture. USA Today is to specialized readership. Basibecome daily fare in 38 key cities around the country is for businessmen, and The True differences, does not have a national only the Wall Street Journal press, and each has a venture. USA Today is to specialized readership. Basically, the Wall Street Journal from late autumn next year.

The editorial service and



# Space technology has made The United States, because it possible for the Gannett of its vastness and regional

were tested during the summer, and company sourcencouraging.

## Democracy defies the African sun to flourish in Senegal

From Godfrey Morrison, Dakar, Dec 17

Multiparty democracy has a very poor survival record south of the Sahara. Almost everywhere it has withered in the African sun, to be replaced by military or single-party civilian rule. But in Senegal it flourishes.

With the official recognition last week of the Senegalese Popular Party (PPS), which wants to replace French as the official moves to democratize galese troops, and since then humane and liberal leader who kept the peace in an form a Senegambian confederation.

He has also greatly liberal ized domestic politics by abandoning his predecessor's policy of restricting the number of political parties to man of letters and a French last year, to be succeeded by number of political parties to that this is now probably the

intervene quickly with Senegalese troops, and since then
has set in train the plans to
form a Senegambian confederation.

The economic stabilization
whose politics are compli-

Minister.

Now President Diouf be strides the Senegalese political.

Africa.

It may be the first incomers, so language poet of the first rank; and exasperation be cause of a seeming indifference to the country's mini-

Senegalese have long spo-ken of their former president with a mixture of affection, pride and exasperation: affec-very exercised by the full

President Diouf has also been highly successful in gening international pledges

## parties. Thinke Nigeria and Ghana, where civilian phuralism was revived after violent coups and lengthy periods of military rule, in Senegal it has been peacefully conceded by a civilian establishment which has ruled the country and a country are considered the parties has strengthened the number of political city in Africa. If anything the increase in the number of political city in a country's minimal economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's recurrent economic crises, Mr Senghor issued a decree on punctuation. Senegalese have long spoken of the first rank; and exasperation because of a seeming indifference to the country's minimal economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's recurrent economic crises, Mr Senghor issued a decree on punctuation. Senegalese have long spoken of the first political city in Africa. The number of political city in Africa. The number of political city in the number of political city in anything the increase in the number of political city in a country's minimal economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's recurrent economic crises, Mr Senghor issued a decree on punctuation. Senegalese have long spoken and exasperation because of a seeming indifference to the country's minimal economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's recurrent economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's minimal economic progress. The middle of one of the country's minimal economic progress. A couple of years ago in the middle of one of the country's minimal economic progress. The middle of one of the country and example of the country and example of the CHRISTIANS SKI-ING SPECIAL OFFERS il Bina one participation de la constitución de la which has ruled the country Government in The Cambia unchallenged since independence in August, President Diouf dence from France two took the difficult decision to

getting international pledges to see the country through.

But perhaps the best thing that has happened to Senegal in its first year under his presidency has been plentiful rainfall, which after years of drought promises a good groundout harvest.

## Spontaneous strikes defy military solution

Inside Poland: Roger Boyes reports

Poland is still wracked by Wroclaw, Radom and Katopite the efforts of the new military leadership to cordon off and at times forcefully break up sit ins and strikes at factories throughout the coun-try. This situation has been at least partially admitted by the official media which have reported continuing "irresponsible acts" by workers.

The immediate difficulty in judging the scope of the strike wave is the country's shift system. The susporities will often report that they have cleared a strike but within bours there is a change of shift. The new workers then enter the factory and a sub-stantial part of the old shift are persuaded to stay.

This confusion goes some way towards explaining the way inwards expaning the conflicting reports emerging from the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk about the strike, which has either been successfully ended (according to the officials) or is sporadically continuing (according to Solidaria, according to S

But it is clear that there is considerable unrest not only in the traditionally mayerick factories-Nows Huta in Cra-cow, Huta Warszawa in Warsaw -but also in the coal mines in Silesia and in Poznan, Lodz,

The pattern of breaking the strikes is that troops, usually backed by armoured personnel carriers, surround the factories, the factory management relays an ultimatum to the strikers and without any delay for negotistions, the soldiers then go in.

There have been no reports of serious injuries and, apart from conflicting reports from Cracow, shooting seems to have been avoided.

At the Nowa Huta steel works, some travellers report as many as six people shot, while other reports state that there was shooting but only above the heads of the crowd. Foreign correspondents, who apart from a telex and telephone blackout, have been banned from leaving Warsaw, have been unable to

the closing down of the factories concerned. The military have done this at the Ursus tractor factory, a traditional source of worker militancy. But this only creates more problems than it solves. The Army clearly cannot close every factory in the country; .

This is particularly evident in the coal mines of Silesia,

All of this points to a role of some sort for Solidarity, the trade union, which is facing serious inhibitions on its

Mr Lech Walest, the leader of Solidarity, although in Government hands, is insisting that he will only make a decision on the union's attitude to marrial law, with the full praesidium of the union, which implies that a number of the interned activists would have to be released.

The Roman Carbolic Church too, though careful not to attack the new leadership, has called for the release of the interned, for the freedom of the union to operate within its legal bounds, and for the con-tinuation of the process of democratic renewa

There are thus clear bounds on the military—economic, re-ligious, and the simple inability to cope with all of its various tasks. But the military is seek

The Communist Party seems to have disappeared, at least temporarily, from the political landscape and the Army-seems to be content to solve the national problems by simple military means.

## At least the tank is Polish outside my window

following letter to the editor from Roger. Boyes, The Times correspondent in Warsaw, was rcceived in London yester-

I'm afraid I'm having to send you this in rather unconventional forth. It's one of a scries and I only hope you're getting my other letters. Mainly colour. Tucked into a discount country of Manual Colours. discreet corner of Warsaw where the world seems an inrinity of overpopulated tower blocks and under-used factories, there is a snowbound T55 tank, one of the few in the Polish capital. "At least it's Polish", a Pole tells me, the meaning distinct enough.

There is a curious air of strained normality about the town; the military have not become a simple fact of life as in Belfast, but neither have they seriously interrupted the daily ebb and flow of exist-ence. Shops and banks admittedly find it hard to operate but this is because of the telex and telephone blackout rather than any intrusive

The queues are still there -longer if anything-for food and almost every product apart which are now banned. The first instinct has been to stock-pile for the winter and worse.

identity cards, search the backs of vans for Solidarity leaflets. Red-bereted paratroops—who Red-bereted paratroops—who took over the state radio station on Saturday night guard key institutions so the Sejm (parliament).

Troops with batons and naked bayonets pairol the streets to enforce the 10 pm to 6 am curfew. Officers readthe news on television, soldiers in plain clothes run the bus and tram system.

There are signs, though, that all these functions are over-straining the army; it has an active force of only 210,000 or so and yet has to perform a dual role: prove itself to be a competent governing force capable of giving the popula-tion what it wants while at the same time acting as a forceful guarantor of law and order.

this produces can be seen in the countryside. The army seems to be planning to bring plentiful or at least sufficient food into the shops by Christmas, yet can only do this by putting pressure on the

If it fails to produce the goods, the populace may well end up blaming the army for truce between townships and their protectors will wither away. This dilemma has been away. This dilemma posed by the party.

leadership meeting on the

Using tape recordings made of the Solidarity [free trade union] meeting, the hard-liners argued for contingency plans against a takeover of power by the union. The general (General Wojciech Jaruzelski) managed to win agreement for no immediate action but had to go ahead with contingency planning. Finally, sandwiched planning. Finally, sandwiched between the hard-liners of his own Politburo and continuing radical statements from Soli darity the general authorized the military takeover on the following Saturday, December

The problem is this: the bard-liners sanctioned such a military takeover to crush Soli-darity, hoping that they could divert strong nationalist feel-ings away from the union to the party. But if anything, the party is the loser.

The military takeover has not only ditched any chance of a power-sharing arrangement with Solidarity—except on the most abject terms—it has also completely undermined the slow trusting relationship with the Church, and has made it near-impossible to recapture the legitimacy of the party. The

immediate dilemma facing the army, however, is But the troops, most of them from out of town, have moulded themselves surprisingly quickly to the contours of city life. Steel-helmeted police direct traffic, check to

#### The refugees

### **Travellers** tell of tension and courtesy

By Robin Young and Simon Scott-Plummer Passengers on the first flight out of Warsaw since the mili-tary takeover painted a picture of tension and sorrow in Poland when they arrived at Heathrow airport, London, last

night.
Foreign nationals who succeeded in genting on board Flight LO 285 due at 9.30 am finally touched down at Heath-row shortly after 7 pm. Delays had been attributed to strict security control at Warsaw

airport.
Mr Bohden Rybinski, a
Polish-born businessman for
Surrey, said: "There was a
considerable show of strength -tanks on the streets, soldiers at every corner, with police more in the background. The army were strict but polite. We were not allowed to take

any pictures or to go out on the street at night . . . The atmosphere is very sad." Mr Zigmunt Kollard, who had gone to Poland with food parcels, said he thought most Poles had accepted the new situation. However, he did not have the impression that Solihave the impression that Soli darity was defeated.

Mr Larbi Meddeb, a Swiss
who had been in transit for

only one day but forced to stay five, found the atmosphere in Warsaw "very easy going."

A British teacher and an elderly man who did not want to give their names said the Solidarity offices in Warsaw had been smashed up by Polish troops and water pipes cut so the offices were flooded (the Press Association reports).

"Many people are being

arrested for putting up posters but the soldiers are being very friendly," said the teacher. Mrs Georgina Pentiand, from Driffield, Yorkshire, arrived in Warsaw with food for friends shortly before the takeover.

"The atmosphere changed immediately", she said. "We didn't even feel safe walking in the streets. On the whole the soldiers were polite and courteous, but there were masses of police around and we were told by our friends to keep out of their way.



### Trains of hope that passed in the night

An Austrian woman and her child (above) learn the news in Vienna that her Polish husband, whom she expected to see, had gone to meet her in War-saw after hearing of military rule being imposed. Their son (right): waits and weeps.

The woman travelled on the Chopin Express from Warsaw to Vienna which, during the night, passed the train from Vienna to Warsaw with her husband on board.

Road and rail links in and out of Poland have been cut or severely delayed. All foreigners are being prevented from entering from neighbouring East block countries.



#### The economy

### **US** bankers balk at request for loan

From Bailey Morris Washington, Dec 17

American bankers are taking much harder line than their interest payments owed to Western banks, a senior State Department official has dis-

In hastily-called meetings American banks yesterday decided to adopt a tough posi-tion on Poland in order to force the Sovier Union to pro-duce the money Poland owes

\*American banks are hoping the Russian bear will blink", the official said, adding that the United States Government has decided nor to intervent in

The Polish Government re-quested an additional \$350m in loans from its Western credi-tors in order to pay the inter-est it owes to 450 bank on loans totalling \$2,400m.

Directors of an estimated 20 American banks met separately the first communication from banking authorities since mar-tial law was declared. Some of America's larges

Bank and Manufacturers Han-Bank and Manufacturers Han-Most reacted negatively to the request with directors expressing doubts if Poland will be able to repay what it

Altogether, Poland owes about \$1,800m to 60 American banks and another \$1,800m to the American Government.
This is a small portion of the debt which is held largely by West German banks who are more anxious to reach agreement with Poland, one banker and

Of the \$500m in interest due o Western banks this month, American banks are due only

Despite their pessimisism ver Poland's ability to repay, American bankers remain hope-ful the Soviet Union will come to the rescue in order to pre-serve the fragile credit line to Western banks Poland so desperately needs.

It is highly unlikely that American banks or indeed, the majority of Western banks, will agree to provide Poland with new credits until overdue payments are met, a Citibank He declined to comment on

reports that Citibank sent a message to this effect to the Polish Government yesterday.
"I don't think you'll see many new credits or new loan re structure agreements until past-due payments", banker said.

☐ Brussels: Poland's request for the bridging loan also re-ceived an unenthusiastic response from European bankers today (Peter Norman writes).

Although the banks have done no more than formally acknowledge that the request has been received, many bankers said privately that they cannot imagine Poland getting the money from anywhere except the Soviet Union.

"It is part of a super poker r is part of a super poker game.", one West German banker said. "The Soviet Union will have to give the money to the Poles in the

The communing news black-out from Warsaw has done nothing to increase the con-fidence of bankers. One banker closely involved with the Polish debt problem said today that the request would have to be dealt with in faceto-face negotiations with the Poles, but there was no indirotes, but the relex from Bank Handlowy that the Poles were willing or able to participate in such talks.

#### **POLISH NEWS IN SUMMARY**

#### Coal supply halted

Hamburg : Polish coal deliveries to West Germany and West Berlin will total one million tonnes this year, only 40 per cent of the contracted amount, a spokesman for the importing agents said today. But the Pol-Kohle GMBH spokesman said the company had firm commitments for increased supplies in 1982. No coat has left Poland for West Germany since the imposition of martial law, he said.

A demand that British trade unions should sever all links with the official "phoney" unions in the Soviet block was made by the Polish Solidarity Campaign in London yesterday. (Our Foreign Staff writes). Paris: M Pierre Mauroy, the

Prime Minister, said yesterday the military takeover in Poland was contrary to the Helsinki agreements and that the French representative to the Madrid conference on European security would say so (Charles Hargrove writes). Geneva : A " Light a Candle Peace" appeal to people in Poland, Switzerland and other countries was issued yesterday by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches here (Alan

The Polish military take-over was an abortion of his tory, having nothing to do with socialism, Señor Santiago Carrillo, the Spanish Com-munist Party leader, said (Richard Wigg writes).



#### The view from the West

## Torch of liberty will burn, says Reagan

warning today that it would be impossible for the United States to continue trying to help Poland to solve its economic problems if the Polish people were not allowed to resolve their own problems free of internal coercion and

In the toughest American statement on the Polish crisis since martial law was declared last weekend, the President made it clear that the United States was prepared to take punitive measures against Poland if the communist authorities in Warsaw continued their purge of trade union leaders and intellectuals. However he repeatedly refused to spell out what action the United States might take.

Addressing the sixth press conference of his Administration, the President also made it plain that the United States believed the Soviet Union was behind the Polish Govern-ment's decision to crack downon the Solidarity free trade

#### Washington's frustration

"It would be naive to think this could happen without the full knowledge and the sup-port of the Soviet Union", he said in a prepared statement. We are not naive. We view the current situation in Poland in the gravest of terms ....

The strength of the President's language coupled with his failure to announce any measures to be taken by the United States reflects the frustration felt in Washington at seeing events unfold in Poland without being able to do any-thing to influence them. The The Administration has been

deeply conscious of criticisms being made in Washington comparing its relative inaction over Poland with President Carter's handling of the crises in Iran and Afghanistan. The President said all the

The President said all the information reaching the United States confirmed that the imposition of marrial law in Poland had led to the arrest and confinement, in prisons and detention camps, of thore sands of Polish trade until leaders and intellectuals. Factories were being seized by security forces and workers beaten, he said. "These acts make plain there's been a

sharp reversal of the move-ment toward a freer society that has been underway in Poland for the past year and a "Coercion and violation of human rights on a massive scale have taken the place of negotiation and compromise.

All of this is in gross violation of the Helsinki Pact (of 1975 on East-West détente and human rights) to which Poland: The President called on all free people to join in urging the Polish Government to reestablish conditions that would

make constructive negotiations

and compromise possible. Certainly it will be imposto help Poland to solve its economic probems while maytial law is imposed on the people of Poland; thousands are imprisoned and the legal rights of free trade unions previously granted by the vernment are now denied."

The President said that Poland, speaking through Soli-darity, had provided one of the brightest, bravest mom-ents of modern history. Left

only action taken by the to themselves, the Pollsh munications cut and diplomatic United States so far has mer people; would enjoy a new facilities suspended, we read of with a mixed response; birth of freedom. But there are those who

Bur there are those who oppose the idea of freedom, who are intolerant of national independence and hostile to the European values of democracy and the rule of law.

"Two Decembers ago, freedom was lost in Afgbanistan. This Christmas it's at stake in Poland Bur the coret of liberry.

Poland. But the torch of liberty is hot", the President declared.

#### The colossal disaster Strasbourg : In his most out-

spoken statement so far on the situation in Poland, Lord Car-rington today called for the re-lease of all those who had been detained since the military takeover and an early resumption of the process of negotiation and conciliation in the country (Ian Murray writes). "This alone," he told mem, bers of the European Parlia-ment meeting here, "can pro-duce a solution to Poland's

Lord Carrington, who was reporting on the work of Bri-tain as President of the Coun-cil of Ministers for the past six months, said that at the moment he was ready to arrange urgent consulations on the Polish issue if they became

His analysis of the situation was extremely gloomy. In the 48 hours since the EEC Foreign Ministers had mer in London, he said, "the Polish skies have continued to darken."

He went on : " We are familiar with natural disasters; but here in the heart of our contiment is a man made disaster on a colossal scale. Airhough news is censored and com-

facilities suspended, we read of arrests, detentions and evicrions. There has almost cor-tainly been some loss of life. There is an ominous silence about the fate of Lech Walesa."

Lord Carriogron said be did not want to make the situation more difficult by his words and there were many things he

But two things seem clear to me. First and foremost as has been so often before, there must be no foreign interfer-ence whatever and, second, there must be an early resump tion of the process of negotiathe release of those in deten

about this had been given by "what is called the Military Council of National Salvation". The Parliament end the world, he said, would be watching to

put into effect.

Lord Carrington's statement takes a much tougher line than the one issued on Tues-day by the ministers of the Community at their informal London meeting. That is because reports of the situation have now confirmed that the military takeover has been

Although reports that Soviet transport aircraft have arrived in Wersaw have not been taken proof of use of Soviet troops, Lord Carrington has sought to underline the dan-gers of any possible Soviet in ratvement.

It seems that Solidarity is not working openly in the country, although transport to Warsew has been somewhat disrupted and workers have been occupying their factories in the provinces rather longer than has been possible in

#### The view from the East

# Soviet leader

celebrations to mark the General-Secretary, which he seventy-fifth birthday on Saturday of President Leonid Brezhnev.

his seventieth in 1976, is being treated as a big event in the Soviet calendar and has been heralded with books, films, television documentaries, special exhibitions and fulsome praise in the official press.

Usually reliable sources said leaders of the Soviet Union's Warsaw Pact allies would present Mr Brezhnev, who is also the Communist Party's General Secretary, with national decorations tomorrow, but it seemed upilitely that but it seemed unlikely that there would be any summit meeting on the Polish crisis. It was uncertain whether General Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's Prime Minister and party leader, would be able to attend, and the Kremlin appeared unwilling to let Mr. Breshnev's birthday be overhadowed by the Polish events. Moscow has taken the line that the imposition of martial law in Poland is an internal affair and is going to great lengths to show that it is not

involved directly. On Saturday, Mr Brezhnev is likely to be awarded a high Soviet decoration by his Polit-buro colleagues and attend a Kremlin reception in his honour.

The expected deluge of honours began earlier this week, when Mr Babrak Karmal, the Afghan leader, came to Moscow especially to present Mr Brezhnev with his country's "Sun of Freedom" order. A special Soviet delegation travelled all the way to Bulgaria to be present at the unveiling of a large bronze bust of the Soviet leader in

Sofia.

Mr Brezhnev has already far outstripped his predecessor, Nikita Khrushchev, in bonours and titles, and in some respects has even outdone Stalin. Since his 70th birthday he has added

Moscow, Dec 17.—East Eurothe pean leaders began arriving in the Soviet capital today for Soviet to his position as parry celebrations to mark the seventy-fifth birthday on Saturbase has held since the fall of Mr

Brezhnev s birthday, like leading Soviet writer for four slim volumes of reminiscences. The most recent was published lovier calendar and has been leading Soviet writer for four slim volumes of reminiscences. The most recent was published lovier calendar and has been last month and described his childhood and early life. Meetings and conferences have been held across the Soviet Usually reliable sources said the Brezhnev memoirs.

The period of Mr Brezhnev said the Brezhnev memoirs.

The period of Mr Brezhnev's past career which has been most highlighted recently is the Second World War when he was a political commissar with the 18th Army. Less has been said recently about his contribution to the development of agriculture, perhaps because the Soviet Union has had three bad harvests in a

Big prominence has also en given to his role as an international statesman and as the "architect of detente." Mr. Yuri Zhukov, a veteran com-mentator for the Communist Party newspaper Pravda; referred in an article today to Mr Brezhnev's rank of Marshal of the Soviet Union and dubbed him Marshal of

Mr Brezhnev was once widely rumoured to want to cap his career by becoming the first Soviet leader to retire voluntarily, ut no obvious suc-cessor has been groomed and foreign diplomatic analysis of the Kremlin scene now believe that he will stay at the helm as long as his uncertain health

Nothing is said publicly about Mr Breamer's health but he is known to have suffered for some years from a variety of aiments which force him to take extended rests. Last month, he proved he was still fit enough to carry out foreign trips by traveling to West Germany, where he seemed to many observers to be in better shape t han on his previous visit there in 1978.

## Crisis birthday for Yugoslav commentary angers embassy From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade, Dec 17

The Polish Embassy in Relgrade has lodged a protest against a commentary relayed last night by Belgrade television which raised misgivings about the claim that Poland wes threatened by counter-revolution and blamed the Polish Communist Party's failure to meer popular demands for the present situa-

tion.
The commentator, Mr Milika Sundic, is known for his ourspoken criticism of the Sovier Union. This time, in airing doubts whether mercial law can provide an effective solution to Potand's problems, he went beyond the official Yugoslav view which was that the state of emergency should be as abort as possible and all countries should refrain from medding

meddling Mr Sundic, however, said that the martial law was a "necessary evil" imposed on the ground alast Poland was threatened by counter-revolu-The most important thing

now he went on was to stop the lesser evil from rurning into a bigger one and to avoid bloodshed or foreign interven-tion. Fear of this should not be a reason for prolonging the martial law indefinitely. He said that the present situation should be called by its proper name: a state of

emergency meant nothing else but military rule. In other words, this was an admission that the Polish Communist Party had failed the test and there was no greater failure than for a Communist Party to lose the confidence of the working class."

This was not to say that it was impossible for the party to regain confidence. But Mr. Sundic doubted whether mili-Sundic doubted whether military rule was the right way to do it. The Polish Communist Party had not met the demands and expectations of the Polish workers who had been betrayed several times in the past. It was questionable whether army rule could give them what the party had failed to provide.

edly sounded warnings against anyone ariempting to interfere in Poland's affairs and Mr Sundic said that this would be extremely dangerous. But the Yugoslavs clearly feel that the longer marrial law is main-tained, the greater is the danger of the crisis deepening danger of the

Yugoslav journalists in Warsaw in their dispatches speak of growing concern as strikes, or growing concern as strikes, especially in the large industrial centres, combine. The correspondent of Tanjug, the official Yngoslav news agency, said that the workers in Poland's largest steel mill in Cracow had laid down tools and security forces intervened to break up the strike.

A sir in was reported in two more factories in Cracow as well as in several industrial centres, all of which were cleared by security forces. In Lodz crowds gathered in the city centre and were dispersed by security forces. Several people are said to have been arrested.

The aniversary today of the Baltic riots in which many people were killed 11 years ago provoked further tension throughout the country. Warnings relayed continuously over Polish radio and television claimed that the young were being misled by anti-Communists and explained what the artial law meant.

In the past 24 hours, more than 20 officials have been dismissed, mainly factory manacers who are believed to have gers who are believed to have ignored orders given under emergency rigulations. This indicates that medium-rank party officials, especialy in the large factories, are joining in the profests against martial law. Yugoslav sources also report that the rector of the report that the rector of the Naval Academy in Gdynia, has

Yugoslav reports also speak of increaing difficulties in market supplies, of long queues for bread, which has been rationed at one kilogram a person a day.

been dismissed.

MPs demand fares debate

budget, to make a reasonable effort, to break even, recognizing that in present circumstances it may well not do so.

The previous year's budget, set on the basis that there would be a £80m subsidy from the CLC, constituted just such a reasonable effort, and that subsidy in itself is not unlawful.

is not unlawful.
Mr. Foot: The Prime Minister
has not had time to study the
debates in which she took part

several years ago on the matter when the Bill was passing through

when the bill was passing through the Commons.

The whole question of what was economic and not economic was considered then. She made no objection to the Bill in the terms it went through. Will she not consider urgently the possibility of legislation to make this matter, absolutely clear and for

matter absolutely clear and for the House itself to have the chance to pronounce again on what it thinks is a proper and fair fares policy for London?

(Labour sheers).

Mrs Thatcher: First of all, one must look in detail at the House of Lords judgment before rushing into an instant solution or instant action. On a matter as important as this, clearly a period of reflection is called for. This was a judgment on the law. (Labour shouts of "political judgment"). I understand, it in that judgment, does not preclude subsidies. That was the point I was on.

subsidies. That was the point I was on.

The judgment was not concerned with the fairness of the GLC decision to reduce by 25 percent fares charged in greater London by the London Transport Execute. It was concerned with the legality of that decision within the limited powers Parliament had conferred by statute on the GLC. The Lords came to the conclusion it was not.

Mr Foot: The Commons should

clusion it was not.

Mr Foot: The Commons should take a considerable time to consider the matter. Will Mrs Thatcher give an undertaking that she will give the Commons a chance to pronounce on legislation before chaes is caused in London fares?

Mrs Thatcher: If one is considering a matter, it is as well for the consideration to preceed a conclusion.

Mir Michael Neubert (Havering, Romford; C): As a former leader of the council of the London

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opportunity to case some opportunity to congraphate my former colleagues on that council who, by their successful action against the CLC, have brought relief to millions of hard-pressed rategayers throughout London? If her commitments allow, her to contribute to a debate on a private member's motion tomorrow on communications in London, when we shall have five

Mrs Thatcher : I congratulate Mr

Neubert on both counts—for hav-ing been leader of Bromley council, and secondly for having

ing been leader of bromey council, and secondly for having had the power of prophesy in having a debate on communications in London tomorrow. I am sure it will be a very interesting debate. My constituents have as much interest in this as Mr Neubert's.

Mr Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab): Mrs Thatcher's references to breaking even are out of line with the running of public transport in any other major city in western Europe. This judgment will be treated with widespread disousy by thousands of ordinary folk in London.

Mrs. Thatcher: The House of Lords clear and unanimous decision was that the GLC has acted outside the rule of law which protects chizens against the

outside the rule of law which protects cirizens against the arbitrary exercise of power.

After questions, Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) on a point of order said: There is widespread opinion that the legal judgment made by all of their Lordships will be considered to be an extra-parliamentary political instrument (Lond Conservative protests and shouts of "Nousense.");

The Speaker (Mr George

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas): I have had notice that an application for an emergency debate will be made. I have also listened to exchanges during

decate will be made. I have also distened to exchanges during question time and looked on the order paper about the debate to-morrow. Therefore it does not sound to me as if Mr Arkinson has a point of order on which I can rule.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C):

It is completely car of order for an MP to accuse the judgments of the courts of being politically motivated as. Mr. Atkinson has just done.

The Speaker: It is always important in this House to be even handed. I have no doubt if and when a debate takes place, there

an attack on the motives of judges reaching their decision.

After Mr. Francis Fym., Leader of the House had announced the business for next week, Mr. Foot

business for next week, Mr Foot said: Any discussion on a Friday about this matter is unsatisfactory as an appropriate way of dealing with the question. We expect Mr Pym to rearrange the business for next week so we can have a full dehate on the serious implications of this matter in preparation for what we believe is the only proper way of dealing with it which is for the Government to introduce legislation.

If the Government is to introduce fresh legislation after

be very welcome.

## Pretoria offers Namibia plan guarded welcome

dependent Namibia (South-Vest Africa) which include important new detail on the nethod of electing a constituent assembly, were handed over today to the South African Government in Cape Town and to the so-called internal poliical parties in the South African administered territory. The proposals will today and tomorrow also be presented to the front-line black African states (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), Kenya, Nigeria and the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo). After receiving the proposals, Mr. R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said that the independence process appeared to be

dence process appeared to be "still on the tracks". The proposals were presented at a meeting between Mr Botha and ambassadors of America, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany,

the five western powers form-ing the "contact group" which has been seeking an interna-tionally acceptable independence for Namibia since 1977. The main innovation in the revised guidelines, which seek to reconcile the often conflict-ing criticisms of the West's original proposals of last October, is the much amplified and much more specific section on the elections to the consti-

the seembly.

The West now says that half the seats in the assembly should be elected by proportional representation, with parties being represented in exact proportion to the number of the seats and the seats proportion to the number of the seats and the seats are seats and the seats are seats and the seats are seats. of votes they receive, and the other half on the basis of

The West's revised constitu- number of inhabitants as is

In an accompanying explanascheme is clearly the West

no intention to reserve seats the assembly for ethnic

The West's proposal is high-ly ingenious. It meets the black African demand for oneman-one-vote elections but tould conceivably deny Swapo the two-thirds majority of the assembly seats required under the constitutional proposals for adoption of Namibia's

seats elected by proportional

who constitute 47 per cent of

This could enable the multithnic Democratic Turnhalle Alliance and smaller parties to win between them more than a third of the assembly seats. They would then have some

#### Appeal to West

# Angola grows desperate

Luanda, Dec 17.-Angola moderate in Angola's confused appears to be sending messages of despair to the West over Namibia as time runs out for the Luanda leadership to secure the solution of a problem that is crippling the

most significant move came last week when President José Eduardo Dos Santos offered to negotiate with the United States at any time.
He did so days after Mr Alexander Haig, United States

Alexander haig, onlied States, received the main opponent of the Luanda Government, Dr Jonas Savimbi, head of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

Angola (Unita).
Yesterday the Portuguese state radio in Lisbon quoted Mr Adriano Sebastiao, the Angolan Ambassador, of saying his country would be willing to talk to Dr Sayimbi if he gave up his links with South Angola's Embassar in Lisbon. today denied its ambassador had said his Government was willing to hold talks with Dr. Savimbi and alleged press Savimbi and alleged press manipulation of his remarks.

far more important.

political scene, appears to have thrown his full political weight behind efforts to secure the independence of Namibia through negotiations with the West. Since last summer's South

African incursion, Angola has lost control of a large slice of its territory stretching from the south bank of the Cunene river to the Namibian border. The loss of southern Cunene province is the price Angola has had to pay for sheltering the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) that has been fighting a 15-year guer-rilla war against South African

Namibia. President repeatedly reaffirms his sup-port for Swapo in public tions that all is not well between the organization and

its Angolan hosts.

It is probably the economic cost of maintaining the confrontation with South Africa that is putting the heaviest pressure on the Luanda leadership. The South African incursion is being officially blamed for the worsening food short-ages and the crisis that is forcing Augola to cut imports and lower its main economic

targets.
Although potentially one of Angola is not being given a chance to develop its wealth because it has to spend most of its oil revenues on importing arms, as well as the food that is not being grown because of the guerrilla war being waged by South African-backed Unita

guerrillas. The Namibian issue has always been reported to be one of the most divisive within Angola's fragmented leader-ship. The fact that President Dos Santos has so closely identified himself with a negotisted solution could mean that not only the future of Namibia, but his own political

#### European space flight delayed

From Clive Cookson Kourou, French Guiana, Dec 17 Fuel supply problems have delayed the fourth and final test flight of the European rocket Ariane by at least 24

Officials at the French Guiana space centre were working feverishly today on the plates connecting the liquid oxygen supply to Ariane's third stage. Last night, just before lift-off, they found a defect in the mechanism that locks the plates in place until the fuel tanks are full.

If the problem is solved as expected, the European Space Agency's rocket will take off on Saturday night (early Sunday morning GMT),
The French-dominated team

of space scientists and engineers is anxious to put on a perfect show for the representatives of communications organizations— Ariane's potential customers

who have flown in. So far the European Space Agency and Ariane-Space (the company that will produce and market Ariane) have firm bookings to launch 21 satellites Britain has contributed only 2.4 per cent of Ariane's 5500m development costs.

# businessmen. President Dos Sautos, cast America's reply to his latest as an increasingly isolated offer.—Reuter.

Tough talks

Singapore From David Watts

start in

Singapore, Dec 17 Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Muhammad, the new Malaysian Prime Minister today began his first official talks with Singapore since taking office. pore since taking office.
Against the background of Malaysia's more assertive mood the first day of intensive meetings will be watched with more than usual interest in the region because it brings together two determined, tongh-minded men who have not always had kind words for each other.

each other.
Dr Mahathir is similar to his Singapore counterpart, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, not only in his nationalistic, almost humourless, approach to life, but also in his expectation that things will be done precisely the way be wants them.

Two bilateral issues are likely to bring some old-fashioned political horsetrading in the talks. Malaysia wants to take control of air traffic throughout the length of peninsular Malaysia, now partly under Singapore's control, and is seeking extra land for its naval headquarters base, which is on Singapore

in the south of the island for

continuing development.

## Demands from Labour MPs, led by Mr Michael Foot, were made to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the House, for an early

LORDS RULING

Inere is to be a debate tomorrow on a private member's motion on communications in London and the south-east. But Mr Foot said that this could be no substitute for a proper debate in government time.

The exchanges began when Mr Foot asked: has the Prime Minister had a chance today to study the House of Lords judgment on the GiC appeal about London farts? This indement is bound to have, if carried out—(Conservative interruptions)—as it must be—frenewed Conservative interruptions)—the law must be observed a . if the law is to be observed in these terms it would have serious consequences for travellers in London.

Would she therefore take urgent steps to introduce legislation to restore the law to the position which many people thought it was before, including herself when she was spokesman for her side of the House when the Transport (London) Act 1963 was passing through?

was passing through ? Mrs Thatcher : He has either mis-

Was passing through? Was either misunderstood the judgment, or what I
said, or both. I welcome the
clear and unanimous judgment
from the House of Lords and
congratulate Bromley. The judgment runs to some 100 pages. We
shall need time to consider carefully what it says. It is already
clear that the GLC action was a
breach of the daty they owed to
ratepayers and wrong in law.
When in Opposition I made a
comment on the then government's Bill under which this
judgment was given. It sounded
to me from what Mr Foot said as
if he thought the judgment precluded altogether the possibility
of subsidies from the ratepayers.

of subsidies from the ratepayers.

burden of the judgment to be in

practicable.

tory memorandum, the west-ern five say that this will mean that each voter will have two debate on today's court decision on Loudon Transport fares. Mr Foot said the House should have a chance to pronounce on what it thought was a fair fares policy for London. "one to be counted on the level of a single national constituency, the other on the basis of his local constitu-edcy". (The model for this Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House, said MPs should have time to study the judgment before they debated it.

There is to be a debate tomorrow on a private member's motion on communications in London and

German electoral system.)
The memorandum also says unequivocally that "there is

constitution. Many observers believe Swapo could win up to 70 per cent of votes cast. If the constituent assembly has a total of 50 seats (the size of the existing legislature) Swapo tould expect 17 or 18 of the 25

representation.

To command a two-thirds najority, Swapo would then need to win 16 or 17 of the remaining 25 single-member constituencies. This could be difficult as Swapo's chief support comes from the Ovambos, the population but are con-

single-member constituencies say in the formulation of the containing as nearly equal a constitution.

# for end to conflict

Angola's Embassy in Lisbon Angola has made offers to the United States before, but

the timing of President Dos Santos's latest proposal lent it special weight. It took a good deal of political courage for the President to hold out an olive branch to the United States immediately after the Reagan Administration had lavished official attention on the man his Government has

branded an architraitor. Soviet diplomats in Luanda scornfully commented that there was nothing new in the offer and said that President Dos Santos's condemnation of United States interference in Angola's internal affairs was

However, in its news sum-mary, the official Augolan news agency Angop only cave two extracts from the speech; one contained the President's offer and the other quoted him as preising American

Thatcher no to incomes policy

ECONORY

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions that a comprehensive incomes policy was not a practicable possibility in our society. In other societies it had happened only with direction of labour and the extinction of freedom.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) had asked if she was pre-pared to meet a representative group of nurses in respect of their current wage claim. Mrs Thatcher: Current wage claims are not negotiated through my office. I understand that the nurses want to talk about the

long-term machinery for settling their pay. At a meeting last week with the Secretary of State for Social Services the staff side of the Norses' and Midwives' Whitley Council again asked if I would see them. I have therefore agreed to see them. agreed to see them tomorrow. Mr Skinner : Will she give them a Mr Skinner: Will she give them a clear, unequivocal commitment that 'the nurses' pay increase for next year will be no less than the 15.2 per cent increase as measured by the Government's own taxes and prices index? Is it not a scandal that at a time when the Government is forcing up rents to the tune of £2.50 a week, when there are many other price in there are many other price in-creases in the pipeline and when we have had this apparent con-spiracy by the law lords and a Tory council to push up fares, nurses should be treated in this fashion?

Mrs Thatcher: This Government has made clear that it holds the nurses in high esteem. In the past three years there has been a 75 per cent increase in the nurses' pay bill.

pay bill.

Mr David Steel, leader of the
Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk
and Peebles, L): There is a
danger that responsible groups in
society, like murses, who do not
resort to strike action will find
themselves increasingly penalized
until we develop a fair and comprehensive incomes policy.

Mrs Thatcher: L do not think

prehensive incomes policy.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not think there is any such practicable possibility as a comprehensive incomes policy. In societies where it has happened it has happened only with direction of labour and the extinction of freedom.

Mr. Part Dayn (North Someror)

Mr Paul Dean (North Somerset, C): Nurses felt badly let down by the Labour Government. They are hoping for better things fol-lowing their meeting with her good sertlement for the nurses if everybody in the health service followed the good example of the Royal College of Nursing and

outlawed strike action against patients? Mrs Thatcher: I agree, It would also make it easier to have more pay for certain groups of people we especially value in society if other people did not take it out for themselves.

Indicators pointing to growth

facturing production in recent months pointed to continued growth of national output, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during questions

in the Commons.

He told MPs that average earnings had outpaced price rises over the last three years and that even a family on half the average earnings was only slightly worse off than three years ago after taking account of various bene-

Mr. Ronald Leighton (Newham, North East, Lab) had asked if the Chancellor was satisfied with the level of incentives provided by his economic policy and to what lined in his Budget of June 1979 bad been modified.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The Government remains committed to contique the improvement of incen



Howe: Committed to

better incentives Budget. Further progress must depun upon the likely balance between tax revenue and public expenditure.

expenditure. He assured us that his original incentive Budget would release the energies of what he called the entrepreneurs? Current output of British manufacturing industry is 16 per cent less than in May 1979. Is this intentional? Does this mean his policy is a success or a failure? Sir Geoffrey Howe: Marginal Sir Geoffrey Howe: Marginal rates of taxation, particularly for entrepreneurs, were substantially reduced in my first Budget. Had that not been so people would have been contemplating a dis-pariting prospect now. (Labour laughter.) Manufacturing output and in-

dustrial output have rises for the last four months. Output of manufacturing industry in the third quarter was 2.5 per cent up

on the second quarter. Industrial production in the last three months was up 1.5 per cent on the previous quarter.

All those factors are pointing in the direction of continued growth of national output.

Mir Archibald Hamilton (Epsom and Ewell, C): The greatest incentive which could be given to British industry would be to get interest rates down. The best way to do that is to control public expenditure and not run up large government borrowing.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He is right to

reduction in interest rates is certainly something to which in-dustry attaches importance and in considering the size of borrowin considering the size of portuv-ing likely to reduce that, one has to take account of revenue and expenditure,

Mr Jack Straw, as Opposition spokesman on reasury and economic affairs (Blackburn, Lab): While he is right to say the tax burden for the very rich has some down and a more effort. gone down and a man on £595 a week is £25 a week better off as a result of the tax changes, is not the truth that for the overwhelming majority of British people on average or below average earnings the income tax burden has risen and for the lowest-paid family on half the average earn-ings their income tax burden has almost doubled under this Gov-

Sir Geoffrey Howe : He overlooks, as Labour MPs so often do, the increase in earnings that has taken place alongside the other changes.

other changes.

If he takes account of earnings on average rising by 57.5 per cent over the last three years compared with a rise in prices of just over 50 per cent he will find that disposable income in most types of households, after payment of income tax and national insurance contributions, has kept ahead of prices.

Even for a household with two children on 50 per cent of the average examings, after taking account of child benefit and family income supplement, the fall is

ity facome supplement, the fall is only 0.3 per cent in real dispos-able income.

Howe rules out insurance surcharge cut

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was arged by MPs of three-parties, including his own, to reduce national insurance surcharge in order to help British industry.

Mr Richard Wainweight (Colne Valley, L) asked for an estimate of the cost of reducing the surcharge by 2 per cent.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: On the basis of the economic assumptions recently published in the report Sir Gentirey Howe: On the pass of the economic assumptions recently published in the report of the Government Actuary on the Social Security (Contribu-

The main business in the Rouse of Commons next week will be: Monday: Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund Bill.
Thesday: Hops Marketing Bill, and Currency Bill, remaining stages. Debates on situation in Poland and in the Middle East. Wednesday: Christmas adjournment debates.
The main business in the House of Lords next week will be: Tuesday: Royal Assent.

Next week

posal?
Sir Geeffrey Howe: By far the largest cause of the reduction in the competitiveness of British industry since 1975 has been the thoubting in the unit labour costs. The exchange rate of the pound is now very close to its level when this Government came into office.

What a pity that it was his Government that introduced the National Insurance surcharge and added to the burden of industry by 5 per cent.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on pri-vate member's motion on commember's motion on com-munications in London and the south-east.

## Carrington disappointed at EEC progress

STRASBOURG

The paradox which the European The paradox which the European Commonity needed to resoive was that in these times of political and economic uncertainty it seemed to be becomin'd increasingly difficult, at the same time as it became more necessary, to get decisions, Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said when he addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg on when he addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg on events of the last six months when the United Kingdom has held the presidency of the EEC.

Following up the speech made yesterday by the Prime Minister. Lord Carrington said the time which a presidency had at its disposal to realize even the most modest of its objectives was limited.

limited.

It was not to the Community's credit that they had been trachle to meet the deadline set by the May 30 mandate, nor that after six years of discussion and five meetings of finance ministers during the British presidency alone they had not been able to agree on the non-life insurance services directive. Foreign ministers had been unable to agree on imporbeen unable to agree on impor-tant measures relating to tele-communications because of disagreement over one word.

We have tried to demonstrate stress had continued to darken.

They were, alas, too familiar with

endurance which are needed in every presidency, but even they are not enough if there is no common will to reach conclusions and that is what I fear has too often been lacking in our deliberations.

ations.

It was sometimes said that the Community made no progress, and that the Council of Ministers was indecisive. The record of the past six months, like that of previous presidencies, showed how past ax motina, like that of pre-vious presidencies, showed how far from the truth that was as, progress had been encouraging in areas such as environment, social and energy policies, which were still relatively new sectors for EEC activity.

There remained many things which they would have liked to have done during the United Kingdom presidency and some important outstanding problems remained. He had no doubt that they could find solutions to these questions and he committed the British government to giving the Belgian presidency (which begins on January 1) every support it could in this task. Lord Carrington, in the section of his speech devoted to political cooperation between the 10 mem-

ber states, referred to the situa-tion in Poland, stating that in the 48 hours since the foreign minis-

Although news was censored, communications cut and diplomatic facilities suspended, they read of arrests, detentions and evictions. There had almost certainly been some loss of life. There was an ominous silence about the fate of Lech Waiesa.

He would not want to see the situation made more difficult by any words of his but two things seemed clear. First and foremost, there must be no Yoreign interference whatever. Second, there must be an early resumption of the process of negotiation and conciliation including release of those in detention which alone could produce a solution of Poland's problems.

He noted that assurances on the

He noted that assurances on tals the notes that assurances on tals subject were given yesterday (Wednesday) in Warsaw by what was called the military council of national salvation. The world would be watching to see how those assurances were put into effect. The 10 would continue to follow events closely and were ready to hold argent consultations if it became necessary.

Lord Carrington said that on the four issues on which progress had not been made on the May 30 mandate he believed good foundations had been laid for future

natural disasters but here in the heart of the Continent was a man-made disaster on a colossal scale.

Although news was censored, communications cut and diplomatic facilities suspended, they read of arrests, detentions and evictions. There had almost certainty them came love of life. There was long overdue. The security and prosperity of the

reached. It was long overdue. The security and prosperity of the fishing industry in all countries was at stake.

Atthough some headway had been made, the Community had made disappointingly little progress towards full liberalization in insurance and air transport. The agreement reached on energy pricing policy would be a value. pricing policy would be a valuable contribution to attaining the agreed Community energy objectives.

The economic background to work in the past six months had

work in the past six months had been sombre. Unemployment had risen remorselessly in even the strongest of their economies. Inflation was proving smbborn. Divergence among Community states had increased rather than diminished.

We must redouble our efforts (he went on) to create the condi-tions for that non-inflationary growth which is the only source of durable employment. We must resist the easy but faral options of protectionism. We must ensure that the challenge of competition in the 1980s requires us to adapt



Neubert : Ex-Bromley leader.

doubt Opposition MPs. After that process has been compicted we can review the matter again. I am not prepared to rearrange business for next week We cannot say how long this consideration either on this subject or others will take.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab): A judgment like this which has the effect of virtually changing the law of the land must be debated at the earliest possible moment.

Mr Pym: The judgment refers to London ratepayers. In so far as it may have wider implications



the recess, the House should give GLC to provide a subsidy, but ins guidance on this matter in a the responsibility which they debate next week, and the exercise in providing that subsidy. It is advisable to have a debate so that Mr Livingstone and his Markist friends on the Obviously from what Mrs GLC, and some of them here. That there has said, tomorrow's can be made aware that what is it.

Mr. Pym (Cambridge, C):
Obviously from what Mrs
Thatcher has said, tomocrow's
debate will certainly not be the
end of the matter. The Government is to give proper consideration to this judgment as will no
doubt Opposition MPs. After that

as it may nave whoer implications and in so far as his opinion may be right, that adds force to what I said about proper consideration being given to this judgment in the first case.

Mr James Wellbeloved (Bexley, Brith and Crayford, SDP): What is at issue is not the right of the

Mr Pym : I have nothing for the replies I have given.

Mr Iver Stanbrook (Bromley,
Orpington, C): There is one
urgent need for legislative action
to follow that judgment, and that
is a Bill of Indemnity to protect ns a but or indemnity to protect those persons who have acted apparently unlawfully in the belief that they were acting lawfully. This may be a matter of great urgency. Will the Government consider bringing in early legislation? Mr Pym I do not know about

legislation. The point he has raised will certainly come into Opposition spokesman on Trans-

many wage earners, the drop in

workers was catastrophic for the low paid.
Mr. David Ennals (Norwich, North, Lab) said it was never the intention when Parliament decided to introduce earnings-related contributions that there should be Bill after Bill raising the necessary of earnings.

#### Labour attack on unfair national insurance

SOCIAL SECURITY

It was grossly unfair that some-one earning £35,000 a year paid only 2.9 per cent of their income towards national insurance contributions while somone on about ; £100 a week contributed about 8.75 per cent, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on Social Security, said when opening the committee stage of the Social Security (Contributions)

jobs, an increase of about 1.5 per cent in gross domestic, product and reduction of the retail price index of 1 per cent.

Sir Geoffrey Hower I am efreid the arithmetic is not as easy or as encouraging as he suggests. I recognize the reason that many people in business would like this surcharge reduced, but I have to bear in mind the total revenue of £3,\$00m.

Mr Timothy Eggur (Enfield, North, C): Reduction of the surcharge would be the single most effective way, of assisting industry. Does he accept that in-Mr. Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) who was opposing the clause in the Bill on increased contributions, said if was a highly regressive part of the tax effective way of assisting in-dustry. Does he accept that in-dustry is in need of assistance? Sir Geoffrey Howe: We recognize the need to assist industry by and social security system.

Why should someone earnings (he said) only contribute a third of said) only contribute a third of said the amount of their income in proportional terms towards pensions and other social security benefits, including the part that signes towards the NHS, as the average earner?

charges that bear upon it. But I have received many representations that do not point in that direction and they have to be considered in the light of the goes towards the NHS, as the average earner?

Rather than raising a penny in the pound on national insurance it would be fairer to raise the money by income ax. But to amalgamate the two systems, which would be necessary to achieve this, one would have to abolish the tax threshold system so that income tax was collected on all incomes, which would mean that there would be no personal allowances, or abolish the lower earnings finnt so that no National Insurance was collected on such earnings.

In due course Labour would put to the country, a set of coherent proposals to clear up the problem of the interaction between the tax and social security systems.

The large increase in the national insurance contribution rate would almost wipe out, for goes towards the Nris, as the average earner?
Rather than raising a penny in the pound on national insurance it would be fairer to raise the money by income nax. But to amalgamate the two systems, which would be necessary to achieve this, one would have to aboilst the tax investions system so that income tax was collected on all incomes, which would considered in the light of the total revenue position when the total revenue position when the time comes to do that.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Leb); Does he not shink that in the interests of competitiveness of the economy and the increase in demand which would follow from a reduction of the order of magnitude that has been suggested, he could give further and urgent consideration to this modest proposal?

contributory benefits

#### London-Dublin talks no threat to Ulster's status

The activities of the para-militarists is Northern Ireland and the recent tensions created by extremist politicians on both sides extremist politicians on both sides of the sectorian divide had made it difficult to attract inward investment, the Earl of Gowrle; Minister of State for Northern Heland, said, moving the approval of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978. (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1981.

Order 1981.

The Government's security policy was based on the simple premise that those who broke the laws of democratic society must be dealt with by the courts. It was inevitable that people would turn their minds to extralegal or Draconian measures; but this was not the way forward. The innocent would suffer disproportionately from any such measures and the police and Army would lose the popular support they so crucially needed to do their job.

their job.

If the police and Army appeared to be above the law the para-militarists would set themselves up as defenders of oppressed communities. The Government was asking people to reject paramilitary solutions to political questions and would not give them the pretent for claiming popular approval or the chance to claim that the civil system of figures was either cynical or unjust.

Active repudiation of violence was only likely to come about when the two communities were able to recognize each others. when the two communities were able to recognize each other's different aspirations and loyalities and to live together as close and good neighbours and live with the Irish Republic as close and good neighbours.

This meant political movement.
It meant give and take and a recognition that petter community was ever likely to sway the other altogether to its pount of view. of view. I am confident (he said) in the

ability of the security forces for contain violence. Only a new deal for Northern Ireland and a dear for determine the man and a chance of seriously diminishing the violence. The

HOUSE OF LORDS

tracted from their task by people wishing to to take the law into their own hands or tirentening to do so.

None of the discussions of ar-

None of the discussions of arrangements between London and Dublin posed any threat to Northern Ireland's position as a constinent part of the United Kingdom. On the contary, Northern Ireland had nothing to fear and a great deal to gam. It seemed tlear that representatives of both sides of the divided community desired a transfer of powers to locally elected representatives in the province, if that could be achieved so that they could have a great say in running their own affairs.

That was the Government's

a great say in running their own affairs.

That was the Government's sim. It was the most likely means of finding Governmental arrangements for Northern Ireland acceptable to both parts of the community and as a method of easing the tension.

Viscount Brookeborough (C) said the approach of the Irish Government on extradition was hypocritical. They had wrong their bands and said that if only it was not illegal they would have it. They should smend the law on extradition and submit it to the Supreme Court to see if the court believed it was ultre ures, as the Irish Government suggested. supreme Court to see if the court believed it was ultre vires, as the Irish Government suggested.

The people of Northern Ireland believed that a gestime by the Irish Government to deal with fugitive offenders would be of the highest policial importance. Lady Evart-Biggs (Lab) said the time had come for an inquiry in the working of the emergency powers.

The Earl of Gowrie said this was not the time to give the men of violence the impression that Britain's resolve was weakening, or to raise the fears of the majority of iswarding cinizens, by calling the legislation, which had become accepted as necessary, however regretably necessary, into question.

The order was approved.
The Nuclear

The Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill was read the third time. The Fire Service College Board (Abolition) Bill and the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill were read a second time.

#### Television

## Witty investigation of the party line

Children's Entertainer, fetching a large doll with rolling gobstopper eyes from a well-worn case. "Only heeza very revealing its structure to naughty boy, heeza winking on the girls. Pause, as small, worldly London faces but not that worldly -

All very different in Glou-cestershire, where Lucy, Nicky and their guests waited for Mrs Tiggywinkle (who had secretly changed in the car, parked well out of sight by the stables) to emerge from the copse behind the dam and trot up the field to the house, where she pro-ceeded to take charge with a blend of extempore Edwar-dian courtesies and wander-ing melodic line.

vhether he directs films or merely photographs them for mental: he keeps his cool and is often very funny. Chilhalf of Roger Mills's excep-tional Forty Minutes (BBC 2) exhilarating close (there will be 13 more in the New Year).

I do not believe in instant classics, but I would hazard a guess that this breathtaking programme might prove to be one. Eight celebratory and bizarrely varied occasions were presented without graphed and edited, respectvely by Anthony Bragg and Graham Shipman, with a confidence which gave essen-

perfection. From upper crust Gloucestershire we plunged (if that is the word) to question the outrage to come: they are to tell The Great V the split-second misbehaviour occurs. "Did he? Did he winking?" "YES!" came the shrill chorus accompanied by rude farty noises and boos.

All very different in Gloucestershire, where Lucy. Nicky and their guests waited

to behave like their fathers; and then down, very sharply, to Skindle's Disco, where the potential Pretty Babies of Maidenhead and Slough are joyfully hurtled into premature adolescence by a process called a Complete Entertainment Package applied with standardized thoroughness to Debbie Mailing and Ting

Best of all was Dominic Sewell's Violin Party, where infant phenomena in northgame of cards and memor-abilia in which personal formance were the criterion penalty you could incur was dren's Parties was character-istic, and brought the first Vivaldi", and several children ran into the garden as one tiny virtuoso after another emulated the sound said by Rufolf Serkin to have been drawn from his fiddle by Einstein himself: skreek-

There was a quick code round three other parties — fête champêtre by a lake, jelly high tea in a semi, and more than a mile of tables, tum-blers and Toby dogs playing dead in Oxford Street for the Royal Wedding — and a delicious, touching and witty film came to an end.

Michael Ratcliffe

#### Dance

#### Romeo and Juliet Covent Garden

Jennifer Penney has had to wait a long time for her first Juliet, which finally came at Covent Garden on Wednesday. It is not surprising that her singularly limpid style, which lets the movements interpretation on them, soloists were new to me in should have led to her being their roles: Ashley Page as a tearaway Benvolio who finds

was the prime consideration. But she has several times shown that her limpidity can shown that her limpidity can sly-eyed Tybalt, handsomely work equally well to display a sinister, but I would have dramatic role, and this was expected more forcefulness no exception.
The childishness of the opening heroine in the opening scenes of MacMillan's ballet does little for Penney; this is

where the dancer needs to force credibility into an improbable situation, and that is probably not within her range. The second act of the work has little for Juliet, so it was in the last third of the evening that she really made a strong impact.

Surprisingly, the quality she brought out most strongly in Juliet was vehemence: in the way she grappled Romeo to her in an effort to nomeo to her in an effort to prevent his leaving, in her anger at her father's bullying, even in the way she face keeps its placid surface

however hard she tries express feelings through it, but her body and limbs positively hurl the dramatic neaning at the audience.

In that respect, Wayne Eagling makes an apt Romeo for her. He is not the subtlest of actors, nor the most polished of dancers, but he throws himself into the part with a wholehearted abandon which thrills the audience imposing a heavy personal Two of the other male smooth, flowing technique a heart when Mercutio (the was the prime consideration. dies, and Derek Deane as a

from so big a man.

The production is in a scrupulously well maintained condition, even to the extent that the rhythms of the opening crowd scene appear to be have been roughened up to make them more natural. In spite of that care in presentation, and the marked animation of the ensemble players, the sur-roundings are all decoration; only the central characters count for much. That is one reason why MacMillan's bal-lets sometimes work better



## Lumet's sophisticated view of corruption

Prince of the City (X)

Warner West End

Lady Chatterley's Lover (X)

Leicester Square Theatre

Warner West End 2

The Eye of the Needle (AA)

Odeon, Leicester Square

Heavy Metal (AA)

Selected Odeons and Classics

vision a quarter of a century ago, bursting portentously into films with his still admirable Twelve that is seen to be done (The Pawnbroker, Long Day's Journey Into Night), the dully conventional (The Seagull, Murder on the Orient Express, Equus), the flashy and meretricious (Network). There is no question of his energy, though, or that his best work has fairly consistently been in films, like Serpico and Dog Day Afternoon, located and shot in his native New York and with realist subjects.

York and with realist subjects.

Prince of the City is very much a companion piece to Serpico, set in the same locale and period (the early Seventies), firmly based on facts, and again about a policeman informing on corruption in the force. The book on which the film is based is the story of Bob Leuci, a New York detective assign a to the elite Special Investigation Unit — fancy rather than plain-clothes policemen, with special duties, special privileges and special opportunities for profitable side-lines.

Leuci, however, was recruited as an undercover agent for the federal investigation into police corruption and links with the Mafia. His initial condition was that he would not be required to inform upon his own friends and colleagues; but his story exemplifies how this kind of involvement has the same incluctable quicks and quality that is traditionally credited to a life of crime. Whimsically one of the characters in the film quotes De Quincey: "If once a man indulges himself in murder,



ss and moral fragility: Treet Williams in "Prince of the City"

Leuci found himself not only betraying his own friends, but entering the confessional himself entering the confessional himself (it is no accident, Lumet points out, that a Catholic should best suit the job). Ostracized by his colleagues, hunted by the Mafia whose operations his revelations had disrupted, Leuci and his family ended up dependent on day and night bodyguards.

Lumet and his co-scenarist Jay Presson Allen call their hero Ciello; other characters are com-bined and synthesized; even this lengthy, complex narrative is a drastic simplification of Leuci's adventures. Still, there is no reason to question the authenticity of the story; indeed, a large part of the dialogue is actual transcript. the dialogue is actual transcript from the hours of tape recorded from the miniature radio transmitter Leuci wore concealed on his

Treat Williams's Ciello-Leuci is creditable and credible. He is charming, but the real Leuci himself could hardly have succeedwithout being pretty ingratiating. He conveys the necessary combination of toughness and moral fragility, of outward brashness and inner timidity. Lumet, whose most accomplished and sophisticated work this may well be, presents all the complex s, all the fuzzed distinctions of robbing, and from robbing he means; but strenuously resists the

A Christmas Carol

Sadler's Wells

uptations of easy judgment or It would be an error, and foolish

Jaeckin's merits as film-maker simply because he established his career with Emmanuelle and L'histoire d'O and has now made Lady Chatterley's Lover under the auspices of Messrs Golan and Globus, producers not very remarkable for taste or discrimination. Lodo: Chatterley's Lover's Lover' nation. Lady Chatterley's Lover is, in this context, an agreeable surprise. It is weighed down neither by the literary pretensions that have dogged other Lawrence adaptations nor by the soft-core eroticism that has become the firector's speciality.

Wicking have gone back to Lawrence's first version, The First Lady Chatterley) is a well-struc-tured melodrama, which puts a keen new edge on the class element in Lawrence's fable. The film has pace and brio; the characters, if not deep, are sharply drawn; the period and the atmosphere of a great country house (played by Wrotham Park), in the tough times between wars, is finally explosed and the mark, in the tough times between wars, is tough times between wars, is finely evoked; and the erottism is skilful, discreet, germane — and genuinely erotic. To any objection that it is not exactly Lawrence, the answer is: Why should it be, since we already have Lawrence, whe-reas this is a picture, and a lively

The adaptation (Jaeckin and his

exhaust all her resources. Her voice is dubbed, so well as positively to enhance the performneuroses not quite con-by the surfaces of gentle manly behaviour; and Ann Mitchell is a wonderfully ambivalent Mrs Bolton. For the record, this is only

Bolton. For the record, this is only the second film version of the book: the first, also released by Columbia Pictures, was made in France in 1956 with Damelle Darrieux and Leo Genn. The noble lady's name was, however, taken in vain from time to time in porno pictures of the Seventies boom.

Eighty years or so, ago, in Berlin, Vienna, Budapest or Paris, the operate kings and operate hacks kept turning out the same old story about the prince who falls in love with a showgirl or shopgirl or some other social inferior. His father and the inevitable dowager granny threainevitable dowager granny threa-ten to disinherit him if he does not marry the princess of their choice but love finds a way.

Arthur is the same old tale, except that, since there are no princes in America, Arthur is heir to a billion-dollar hierarchy. The girl he loves (Liza Minnelli) is both showgirl and shop-lifter. To prove that audiences are as good natured as ever and that you cannot keep reas this is a picture, and a lively an old story down, Arthur, with its supremely happy end (he gets the Like her director, Sylvia Kristel girl and the money), has proved

one of the biggest American office successes of the year. body bothers to explain why an al-American family should spawn this middle aged cockney elf who lapses in his cups into the speech fashions of Steptoe Junior. John Gielgud, as Arthur's scathing but doting valet, provides the film's best comic bits, handling the fourletter vulgarities of the script with the air of a charitable visitor sorting the soiled linen in a slum home. The film was both written and directed by a newcomer, Steve

There is something very old-world, too, about The Eye of the Needle; indeed the antiquity of the plot — it is the kind of thing John Buchan and/or the British Hitch-cock did better — quite positively strengthens the period atmos-phere. The story is set in the Second World War. Donald Suthertransmitter in his between, and Kate Nelligan (a charming actress deserving of better things) is the wife of a fighter pilot who is bitter and resentful because he crippled himself in a car crash before he

conveniently sympathetic weather denouement and a happy ending, leaving us to marvel that Ian Bannen and the British security forces, having taken four years to pursue the villain from London to in the nick of time. It was directed by Richard Marquand, who rises

best to the action sequences.

Heavy Metal must set some kind of record for the length of its credits. A thousand people are said to have worked on this episodic animation feature, which takes its title from a popular American fantasy magazine. Teams of various nationalities provided individual stories, coordinated by Gerald Potterton and with an overall screenplay by Dan Goldberg and Len Bluin, writers of the execuable Meat Balls. The linking motif is a luminous green jewel, "the sum of all evil".

The pity is that all the effort and craft is applied to tales of fantasy that have less cohesion and direction than the standard comic strip. It is all pop mysticism, pepped up with sex and violence, sado-masochism and burgeoning female sex-machines that should inflame the resentment of the mildest feminist. There is a strong musical score by Elmer Bernstein. with hard rock interpolations. The result is the sort of vision that is probably very stirring when viewed in a parcotic induced high; but, configurely, in that condition the animation talent so prodigally expended is liable to be over-

David Robinson

#### Theatre

## A vein of comedy

Dracula

Albery

"Blood confusions" is Dr
Van Helsing's prescription in
Dracula, Michael Bogdanov's
gory Christmas show now at
the Albery Theatre for
matinees. With the subtitle
"A Pain in the Neck"; with a
"bat mat" at the entrance to
the auditorium which has
been impregnated with garlic
to protect the soles of the
spectators; with the sale of
gingerbread crosses for the
very nervous; it is quickly
obvious how seriously Mr
Bogdanov has approached
this tale of terror.

For the extremely nervous
there are even chunks of raw
garlic for the asking, and the
eating, but, as Count Dracula
points out, a vampire who
has been the king of the "Blood confusions" is Dr

eating, out, as count Dracula points out, a vampire who has been the king of the undead for 400 years is unlikely to be disposed of by breathy a audience singing "Men of Garlic".

Still, sing they do, adults and children, also blowing baleful breath at the dreaded bloodsucker and leaving back.

bloodsucker and leaning back in their seats to wave their feet in the air. Mr Bogdanov has returned to his coarsest frolics for this year's romp, resurrecting his company of

Captain Beaky's Musical Christmas

Apollo

little cults a major industry

Two record albums, two television specials, Captain Beaky books and now a BBC-sponsored excursion into the West End theatre are the ruits of Mr Lloyd's labours, and Jim Parker's musical settings for his endearing series of poems have attracted such performers as Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, Petula Clark and Penelope Keith. If there were possessing to the childhood no merits to the childhood rhymes, the West End would still be a brighter place for the ensuared talents of Keith Michell, Twiggy, Eleanor

extrovert players who made last year's Canterbury Tales such a diversion to play the gang of vampires and pire hunters.

For what he aims to do

speak of and the comedy is at one frenetic level. It moves between the two moods of comedy and light menace with a fine balance that shows how little was done to develop their idea of an amateur performance of the play invaded by the real bracula. Yet the players entertain with the enthusiasm of puppies, and Anthony Milner, Anthony Smee, John Labanowski, Micky O'Donoughue and the others are a welcome band of eccentrics.

**Ned Chaillet** 

Bron and Mr Lloyd as they read, sing and dance the stories. But the rhymes have

Enchantment is also a quality that comes with the In subways, and on walls and payements, wherever graffiti grow, there suddenly appearance of Twiggy, who has become an irresistible performer: a singer with a peared the legend: "Hissing sweet expressive voice, and sithout a devotion to the disc poignancy in her speech. Jockey Noel Edmonds, it was when she sings of Fred the Content was appearance of movement and a poignancy in her speech. jockey Noel Edmonds, it was when she sings of Fred the something of a mystery. He had championed a song by French bird, Marguerite, she Jeremy Lloyd which told of a merry band of birds, bats, from sorrow and happiness toads and rats and their to nostalgic regret; these adventures with the snake, nursery rhymes bear full adult emotions in her perported sightings and from formance, and they bring little cults a major industry laughter.

Mr Michell has illustrated the performance with drawings and sketches of wit at times he brings the operationance of his voice to the impersonation of a causary and Miss Bron contributes several of her accents in speech and song with precise applications of bumour. It is a singing, dancing, joking concert against sensitive musical arrangements but a fly that can do The Times crossword deserves a less sticky end than Mr Lloyd allows.

Der Rosenkavalier Coliseum

Mark, another importation from Virginia, who conduc-

ted the premiere and is the composer's husband.

"Not a night is too long" says Ochs eagerly at the end of the second act. He was not, of course, referring to nights at the opera; but the thought flickered through my mind that, of those, this particular one is apt to contradict him except in the most stylish of perform-

ances.

The ENO production, originally by John Copley, is not without style, but it used to have more of it, more surely deployed than it is mow.

Much of the action is still hand to the assurers. happily keyed to the gestures in which Strauss's score abounds, but not with the consistency or the point that Ned Chaillet

dent in the United States, whose Anna Karenina, at the Colisium recently, also in-dulged in backward musical As in previous years, the Royal Opera has staged a time-travelling. She makes the journey more discreetly than he, using "God rest ye merry," gentlemen" as a structural lynchpin, and writing cheerful, companionable music for the party scenes. Christmas production outside Covent Garden. Earlier shows were operas chiefly for children. Thea Mus-grave's version of Dickens's



Frederick Burchinal (left) and Robin Leggate

Those who know Dickens's story must admire Musgrave's adaptation, for the number of characters she contrives to include, by much duplication of parts — Elizabeth Bainbridge sings Mrs Fezziwig, Mrs Cratchit, and three other parts.

I admire and Museumer's or else that, if some earlier scenes, such as the separation of Belle and Ben, had been less extended (it contains some of the attractive music), the latter ones might not have hung fire. At the very end we need less of Fred's Christmas party and rather more of the else that, if some earlier

precise equivalent; with a

little short of that, one was left wondering if it was almost over-conducted.

the second half dwells longer vin's florid-camp Christmas on its content than the first, cannot easily be taken seriously. Musgrave's music for A

christmas Carol retreats, even more firmly than in her preceeding opera, Mary Queen of Scots, from the firmly time-orientated idiom beth Bainbridge sings Mrs
Fezziwig, Mrs Cratchit, and the very end we need three other parts.

I admire too Musgrave's party and rather more of the scenes chosen, and the text added to what Dickens gave her in the way of dialogue.

You may feel, as I did, that

ones might not have hung firmly time-orientated idiom cover.

I will not decry Musgrave's dramas (the concertos for clarinet and for horn, for example) or The Voice of the scenes to me dramatically interpreted by her finest opera.

It can be only coincidence that she has made this step backward, in terms of musical language, alongside lain.

William Mann

a teeling for detail. His ear admixture of passion and for texture, for what is happening at every instant, proper vocal glow — also the and for its implications, is so capacity to lighten her voice, acute as to demand the most as she tellingly did in his reflective music ending Act I, and to lend it an autumnal fullness, as at "Hab mir's gelobe".

It was, however, strongly cast. This revival was dedi-The Octavian and Sophie were new. There is a lot to admire and enjoy in Sally cated to the memory of Harold Blackburn, and, as Ochs, there was the polished Burgess's performance: the eager, ardent boyishness in the first act, innocent in the best sense; the tasteful acting Richard Van Allan, catching well the blend — which some find elusive — of coarsely hungry sexuality and the demeanour of a nobleman, albeit a rural one. He sings (though exaggerated accent especially in the lachrymose spell in Act III) as Mariandi

music for the party scenes.

The part of Scrooge is a graifying one for a strong character-baritone, as Frederick Burchinal left no doubt (Jonathau Summers shares it with him): it has the drawback that, for most of the action, he is personally uninvolved, a mere spectator of the past events which have caused his present unsociability. Burchinal, and his producer, David Farrar, skilfully keep this obstacle largely out of mind.

Farrar makes it a jolly, colourful, Christmas show, the crowd scenes properly festive and energetic, much of the credit due to Miguel Romero's practical, mobile, pleasing scenery. Sandra Dugdale is a delicious Fanny, Elddwen Harthy a rather prim but sympathetic Belle. Robin Leggare is just the tenor for Bob Cratchit, and Forbes Robinson looks properly Dickensian in several parts, though his his rest

Forbes Roomson 100ks properly Dickensian in several parts, though his big, red moustache does not suit Mr Fezziwig, especially when John Lepch's ideal portrait is printed on the programme

once distinguished the prohis music with the ease and the growing command in the
duction. And that is perhaps the manner of a voluble second act, the new depth
particularly evident in a conversationalist. Then there and richness in the third, She
performance like this one,
conducted by Charles her Marschallin, a role to mezzo with much intelliMackerras with so very sharp

though handicapped by a cold, made a charming and spirited Sophie, silvery in voice, with some sweet, nure high notes, and lovely to look at, too. Also new was Graham Clark's smooth, well sistained, rather forceful Italian tenor. Eric Shilling's Fantmal, if a little short of music nal, if a little short of music nai, if a tittle short of musicin his voice, makes up for it with sense of character. David Walker's settings have lost some of their glitter, but suggest old Vienna effectively enough.

Stanley Sadie



Cheap fares subsidised by the rates were ruled illegal by the Law Lords yesterday in a case brought against the Greater London Council. But public transport in the congested big cities must compete with private cars. How do other cities do it? Michael Baily reports.

## Who can unravel the big city knot?

The Lords may have settled the legal dispute over the Greater London Council's cheap fares policy, but the to the impression given by larger questions remain. How high should London's fares recent weeks, the subsidising be, and how much should of public transport has been they be subsidised? Those accepted policy in Britain for are essentially political and economic questions, and fact started not by Labour cannot be settled by judges. If necessary the law will have to be changed to allow the political judgments to be made.

When they are, it will perhaps be found that the Labour GLC was travelling in when two seminal contributions to the debate that but took a disastrously still continues appeared.

but took a disastrously wrong route. The direction was right because it sought in Towns or Buchanan Reto make more attractive a port, which enunciated that 
which the capital needs to 
function well and the middle accommodate traffic was function well, and that might without positive steps become steadily less so.

because it piled a huge burden on the rates merely to bring about cheaper fares

It was a costly, wasteful, and inefficient way to achieve a good end; and that is perhaps because Labour caucus was guided more by electoral than transport calculations.

#### Car commuting will always be cheaper

the dispute however, if as a scheme showed a handsome result the damaging extent of profit. Over a third of the the polarization of transport benefit would go to people policy in London is per who were not even using the ceived, and a start made line — road users suffering towards a more bipartisan less congestion. policy of positive, consistent development of the system.

Roads and public transport are improved together, and the various modes integrated

It was once so here, and Britain to equate Continental could be so again given the practice with virtue, and political will. For, contrary British (at any rate under the to the impression given by Lord Denning and others in This overlooks the management of the contraction.

still continues appeared.

One was the famous Traffic finite, the authorities had a years. Further doubt on the choice between accommodate effectiveness of subsidies ing it at heavy expense in alone as a means of influence. without positive steps become steadily less so.

The route was wrong new roads and other structures, or limiting it through parking and other restrictions on road traffic. Relations on road traffic. Relations on road traffic. better transport service public transport, for which subsidy would be necessary, was one of the most important instruments of the latter

> The other was Foster and and additional data from the Beesley's Victoria Line Study United States, Canada, and into LT's cherished plan for New Zealand, was that even a new tube; that had already if buses were free, cur been turned down in three commuting would still be successive years because its "cheaper" for many people if f50m cost could not be the kind of social benefits justified by potential used for the Victoria Line

The study showed that if social benefits — time savings, greater convenience, reduced congestion — were Some good may come of taken into account, the

The Victoria Line was On the Continent, to whose public transport in London and from then on example our attention is and elsewhere went steadily constantly being directed, this polarization between high and low fares and public and private transport hardly exists.

Roads and public transport

Roads and public transport tinent than here.

Such statistics



transigence, and of political reluctance to impose unpopu-

rations have been increasing-

ly unhappy about the huge cost of fares subsidies, especially in the past three

ing urban transport is east by an expert study carried out by Britain's Transport and Road Research Laboratory

for the European Conference

of Transport Ministers in

. One of its more startling conclusions based on analy-

ses from 12 European states

London Transport:

fare price per mile

administ-

How London's fares compare

lar fare rises to pay for it.

Continental ·

ney to work, the cost of a car came out at 14p, compared with 44p for the bus at normal fares; over 5 km it was 24p for the car and 55p for the bus; over 15 km it was 57p for the car and 91p for the bus.

In London the lack of productivity seems particularly evident. LT's workforce remained static at about 60,000 throughout the 1970s despite the introduction of one-man buses and trains, investment, consistent policy, and a drop of about one tenth and dedicated management, in bus passenger-miles and as well as a cheap fares nearly a fifth in tube passenger policy. Above all perhaps it is ger-miles. Productivity in the fruit of an integrated Paris appears to be nearly policy towards transport double that in London, with each staff member producing about 170,000 passengers London.

miles compared with 90,000 in London. No wonder Sir Horace Cutter was concerned to unearth shift-workers at LT garages who spent the LT garages who spent the: entire night in bed.

Paris has cheaper public transport than London, but more importantly it is better. Mot only is the Metro now more frequent, clean, and reliable, but interchange between modes is so much ments and information passengers. This is the fruit of many years of high capital investment, consistent policy,



Although many different interests are involved in both the planning and operation of transport in Paris, they have worked well together under a hierarchical system President Mitterrand is apparently to

change.

Capital investment been in the hands of a regional body headed by a Prefect, a civil servant ap-pointed by the Head of State; and his experts are required to plan on the basis of complementarity between complementarity between roads and public transport, with priority for the latter. Of a current budget of 2240m, some £140m is being spent of roads, and £100m on public transport infrastruc-

The fact is, as the Prefect of Paris told me recently: "Public transport is very costly, We have a very good system, but a very bad financial system, which must be changed." be changed

It is clear after the events of recent weeks that London must change too, from the opposite direction as it were, get back to the consistent policies that made London Transport the world's greatest urban transport system in the 1930s. It can be done, and

significant progress has been made at one level by LT's current chairman Sir Peter Masefield who has greatly improved the quality of management since being appointed by the Conservatives 16 months ago. But this pace again, as so often in the past, had their energies

Ken Livingstone appealed against Lord Denning's ruling and lost

diverted into coping with a wild gyration of policy in whose permanence given the swings and roundabouts of the GLC, they can have little

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One way to escape from the trap would be to admit that GLC politicians are too small-minded to cope with such a large responsibility. But to return the problem of London Transport to Department of Transport control might produce no only more consistency, but also the torpor which seemed to afflict it before.

Another solution would be Passenger Transport Authforms of transport in the Greater London area as in the provincial conurbations. the provincial conditions.

But this could spawn yet another empire-building bureaucracy, topped by politicians still pursuing sectional interests.

#### People will pay. for service

It should not be necessary to set up a large unwieldy body to achieve the kind of integrated thinking that has prevailed elsewhere; it is primarily a change in attitude rather than structure that is needed, with closer collabo-ration between central and ators.

London Transport and British Rail have already shown the way with a new joint "think tank" chaired by the two Sir Peters, charged with integrating ticketing, timetables interchange, and fares. It should be possible for Whitehall and County Hall to work similarly towards agreed objectives.

What should these be? Obviously fares and subsidies will always be a point or friction between left and right, but something closer to consensus should be possible if it is put down the scale of priorities where it belongs.

Professor Christopher Foster, coauthor of the Victoria Line study, says: "Current policy is a logical

development of Victoria Line thinking in that it recognizes that cheap fares can be used to get traffic from cars to public transport.

"But although the principle is surely right, sub-sidies can be overdone. One has to say that the level of subsidies London now has is probably rather ineffective. especialy in the absence of parking and traffic restraints."

The fallacy of the Labour GLC was to put every thing into one policy, and not the best one at that. Naturally people prefer to pay 10p for something than 30p; but many were quite prepared to pay 30p, especially if the service is good. All the market research shows passenser researca snows passenger preference to be for reliability, frequency, punctuality, convenience, comfort, cleanliness, rather than cheapness.

One million pounds spent on reducing intervals between buses and trains, on better connections between them, and on the resources that ensure they actually turn up at the advertised time, is better spent than on a marginal cut in fares (LT's 30 per cent cut has produced little over ten per cent mor passengers).

These should be the orities of a new tran local government, and regime, along with ca-between the different oper-ators. and the tougher rest... in car commuting advocated all that time ago. by

When sound steps have been taken to develop a more attractive and integrated transport system for London, it will be possible to take a more informed view as the optimum level of fares and

No doubt it will fall somewhere between Cutler and Livingstone; a level that recognizes both the benefits of cheap fares and the heavy financial burden they impose on other aspects of the life of the capital; a level perhaps that is both social and democratic.

Michael Baily is The Times

# Advertisers of slimming products have to use self control.

Slimming is one of many areas in advertising which is carefully watched. And any advertisement for slimming products must comply with the rules on the right

They are just some of the rules affecting slimming advertising and they appear in a book called the British Code of Advertising Practice. In it are many rules, not just affecting slimming.

They govern all advertisements which appear in the press, in direct mail, in print, on posters and cinema commercials.

The Code is used by the Advertising Standards Authority whose job it is to protect the public from unacceptable advertising

It was set up and is financed by the advertising industry although it works entirely independently of it.

Amongst other things, the ASA responds to consumers' complaints and this briefly is the way the system works. Members of the public can write to us to complain about any advertisement they find unacceptable. If, after investigation,

Appendix C Advertising for 'Slimming'

Weight 21 The only way for a person to lose weight, other than temporarily, is by burning up the excess fat his body has stored. A diet is the only practicable self-treatment for achieving a reduction in this excess fat. Diet plans, and aids to dieting of the kinds dealt with herein, are therefore the only products which may be offered in advertisements as capable of effecting any loss in weight. Claims, whether direct or indirect, that weight loss can be achieved by any other means are not acceptable in advertisements addressed to the general public.

Temporary weight loss can be achieved by the expulsion of water from the body. This may not be represented in advertisements as a method of slimming

Overweight in young people is sometimes associated with a defective action of the glands and it is therefore desirable that they should be advised either in the advertisement or on the pack to consult their doctors before embarking upon a slimming diet. Obesity is a condition requiring medical attention and treatment. No claims referring to obesity are admissible in

advertisements directed to the general public see Appendix D. Diet plans Where a diet plan is advertised, the advertiser should be able to substantiate that his suggested diet(s) will provide adequate

amounts of proteins, vitamins and minerals, and that the diet is

capable of achieving the results claimed for it, when followed by

the kind of person for whom it is intended. 25.2 No claim, direct or indirect, should be made in any advertisement for a diet that it contains any ingredient which in itself has the property of hastening the process of weight loss. All foods have some calorie content and in a balanced diet it will be necessary to have foods with higher and lower calorie levels. There is no ground for supposing that any specific foods have particular properties which speed up the metabolic processes which cause excess fat to be burnt-up and weight to be lost.

2.5.3 Advertisements for crash diets are unacceptable. Aids to dieting: general
Diet aids, such as foods, food substitutes, or appente depressants, may not be advertised except in terms which make clear that they can only be effective when taken in conjunction with or as part of a calorie-controlled diet. Due prominence should be given

therefore in all advertisements to the part played by the diet.

2.6.2 The Labelling of Food Regulations 1970 require that, where a claim is made in an advertisement or on a label that any food is an aid to slimming, it must be substantiated, and a statement must be included that the food cannot aid slimming except as part of a diet in which the total intake of calories is controlled, whether by calorie counting, low carbohydrate/high protein or other means.

2.6.3 Any diets whether on pack, in advertisements or otherwise provided in conjunction with diet aids, will be required to conform to the aforementioned advice on diet plans, and details of the diets proposed should therefore be enclosed, with appropriate substantiation, when the advertising is being submitted for clearance.

Advertisements for diet aids should also conform to the advice already given as to the non-acceptability of certain claims for the individual effectiveness of specific foods or other diet

Foods Advertisements for foods offered as diet aids should make clear in what way they contribute to the diet, e.g. whether the particular food is lower in calories than its conventional equivalent on a weight for weight basis, or a slice for slice basis.

2.7.2 Particular care should be taken to ensure that advertisements for meal substitutes do not imply that these products are effective if eaten in addition to normal meals rather than instead of them. Appetite depressants

Advertisements for appetite depressants should make clear how they work and will only be regarded as acceptable when adequate evidence has been provided by advertisers that the product is

safe and effective at the level of consumption suggested.

Claims for the effect of appetite depressants should not be expres ed in terms of food equivalent, e.g. equal to two eggs and ham. Weight loss products in general

2.9 No weight loss' products should be advertised on the basis of claims such as Eat as much as you like, Eat, eat, eat!, Eat and get slim or anything similar tending to remove due emphasis from the primary importance of maintaining a balanced calorie-

we find the advertisement contravenes the Code, we instruct the advertiser to amend or withdraw it.

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# Poland: where we differ from Reagan

It has been widely assumed, especially in the United States, that a major crisis in Poland would a major crisis in Poland would reunite the western alliance more effectively than any number of blueprints and ministerial conferences. Five days of Polish military ences. Five days of Polish military dictatorship have indicated how illusory that assumption is. The western powers have not exhibited the total disarray that followed the Afghanistan crisis and have officially managed so far to maintain a fairly uniform posture of "wait and see". What has been significant and alarming, however, is the divergence of underlying instincts and assumptions. The langer the crisis continues the more open and dangerous these dangers seem likely to become.

In general there are two differ-

likely to become.

In general there are two different but equally valid ways of reacting to the Polish events. If one looks at the world in moral terms, what has happened is a tragetly about freedom, power and shattered hopes. The duty of the West is to register its outrage and punish the perpetrators to the full extent of its ability.

If one thinks in terms of global politics, however, the clampdown is more forgivable and may almost be seen a relief because it is a lesser evil than a fullscale Russian invasion. If the creation of some banana republic dictatorship is the only way the Poles can cling to the last tatters of national independence, it is a price worth paying.

It makes an important difference

It makes an important difference that the soldiers in the Warsaw streets are Polish rather than Russian, not just because the Poles themselves find it more tolerable to their pride but also because it does not violate the convention of national sovereignty and so gives us a legitimate excuse to avoid the slide back towards

cold war that for other reasons

wish to avoid.

The moralist is entitled to point out that a lot of this is humbug The reality is that the new regime would not have come into being and Solidarity would not have been snuffed out if it had not been for Russian pressure; that there is no Russian pressure; that there is no serious prospect, whatever may be said at present, of the march to a more democratic policy in Poland being renewed under the new dispensation; and that a lot of people are now going to be in carcerated and probably subjected to inhuman treatment for political reasons directly connected with cal reasons directly connected with their attitude to the Soviet Union and the communist system. The new regime is not govern-

ment by consent; the only thing that can be said for it is that the amount of force required to squash out dissent is marginally smaller than if the Russians had done the job themselves. To this accusation realpolitik can only respond that while the distinctions may be unreal, it is a politically may be unreal, it is a politically useful one. The idea of imposing economic and political sanctions on the new Poland is unattractive because it would drive the military still further into the arms of the

Still less appealing is the notion of equating the Poles with the Russians and unfolding the whole rossians and unfolding the whole panoply of western sanctions prepared in case of Soviet intervention. Not only would that leave nothing for Nato leverage on the Russians; it would mean that all hopes of preventing a new arms race were abandoned.

The United States, perhaps from circumstances of its birth, has always had a strong moralist slant in its foreign policy. There was nothing new or startling in this

The western alliance could come under new strain because of conflicting attitudes to. the military take-over in Warsaw — America's instinctive desire for a tough response, pragmatic caution by her European partners

sense about the behaviour and policies of President Wilson or President Carter. Equally, it is not surprising that President Reagan, after an initial period of pragmatic reserve, has evidently been assailed by growing doubts about how far he can allow the changes in Poland to occur without strong reaction. His desire without strong reaction. His desire to continue a dialogue with the Russians is at odds with his determination — and indeed his political necessity — to avoid any appearance of condoning communist repression.

The European reaction, overall, The European reaction, overall, has been more in the realpolitik tradition. Of course there have been loud and entirely genuine denunciations of the Polish military action from EEC governments and even from western communist parties, and the tactical necessity of maintaining pressure on the Russians is very much in everyone's mind. Nevertheless the willingness to senarate disapproval. willingness to separate disapproval from strong action is discernible,

As usual, the West Germans are the hinge of the argument. Chancellor Schmidt was still in East Germany on his long heralded, long postponed fraternal visit to Erich Honecker when the Polish news broke. He quietly completed his programme and left for the West with expressions of hope for the future of inter-German re-

lations. He was rapidly castigated by Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, whose advice that he should have

whose advice that he should have stormed out in protest does not seem to have roused many echoes.

That is hardly surprising, given the prevailing climate (confirmed for me by a visit to Bonn last week). West German public opinion is deeply concerned about Poland, about East- West relations and about relations between Europe and the USA. But the essential core of the West German position in relation to the Eastposition in relation to the East remains untouched and virtually bi-partisan. This consists of three

(a). Detente is a good thing because it is the only condition that enables the two Germanys (and the two Barlins) to co-exist in

(and the two Harlins) to co-exist in a half civilized fashion.

(b). Detente, particularly East-West trade, creams as much East block dependency on the West as western dependency on the Soviet Union and should therefore be encouraged even under — perhaps moticularly under — adverse

encouraged even under — perhaps particularly under — adverse political circumstances.

(c). West German belief in the two preceding propositions does not imply disloyalty to Nato, "neutralism", "self-Finlandization", a secret desire to sell out the alliance to the Russians in return for reunification or any of the other manifestations of paranoia now

appearing in the American press.
West Germany still depends on the
US for its security and still
believes in (and is paying for) astrong conventional army. As for
reunification, the Russians themselves will not permit it on any terms for a century.

The trouble with these views is The trouble with these views is first that, being expressions of belief and perception, they cannot be permanently invalidated by what happens in Poland in the coming weeks any more than they were by events in Afghanistan. And second that there is not a single one of them that the present American administration endorses unreservedly.

American administration endorses unreservedly.

If the Americans could only accept the validity of (c) it would not matter so much. The West Germans might be safely left to get as much out of their relationship with the East as they could (and it would not be very much) provided their military support for Natocontinued. But the Americans in their present mood want more psychological reassurance than that, and because they rightly suspect that the rest of the European allies, already prone to excessive pragmatism and self-deception where East-West relations are concerned, are to a lations are concerned, are to a greater or less degree influenced by the German example then

greater or less degree influenced by the German example, they lump us all together as unreliable.

If the Russians should marchinto Poland in a mouth or two as the Jaruzelski experiment founders there will be no difficulty for while in imposing the American view on the alliance, but the cross-currents that have appeared in the last week will still be there and will surely reassert themselves guite surely reassert themselves quite quickly.

O Times Newspapers Ltd, 1981.

## Tebbit dynamite that must be defused by Bill Keys

On Wednesday I led a TUC grounds can claim unfair delegation which met Mr dismissal.

Norman Tebbit, the Sec. Now it is being proposed retary of State for Employ that a non-unionist could be ment to impress on him the ment, to impress on him the

by this. The improvement of showed industrial relations seems to Second, to offer up to be well down the Employ £24,000 to anyone if they ment Secretary's list of display their "principles" priorities—just like tackling strongly enough to get unemployment. Instead, the sacked is a deliberate attempt motivation behind his pro- to give financial incentives to record to be only to record to leave or put to join. motivation deame his proposals seems to be only toplace swingeing legal restrictions on the ability of trade,
unions to organize and operate effectively, irrespective,
of the consequences for
British industry.

I do not accept for a minute that there is force in the argument being used by

that a non-unionist could be entitled to up to £24,000 from ment, to impress on him the trade union movement's outright rejection of his proposed new industrial relations legislation. We spelt out our grave concern over the threat to workers' rights and industrial relations, posed by his proposals, but Mr Tebbit gave no indication that the serious objections in more than a handful of we raised would temper his approach.

I am not entirely surprised by this. The improvement of showed.

people to leave or not to join unions. And to expect other workers to stand by quietly, and see their union forced to pay amounts of this size to people, who are being deliberately awkward or greedy is unrealistic. The inevitable, result will be considerable dissension





Mr Keys (left) and Mr Tebbit: "Still not too late to avoid an \*\*\* conflict".

begun than most battations lost their officers, and many their guides. The result was confusion. Of the 14,300 men who took part in the fighting around the first low hill more than 5,000 had been killed or wounded by nightfall.

By August 28 the troops at Anzac and Sulva, Australians, British and others, had exhausted their energy. No further attack was possible.

exhausted their energy. No further attack was possible. The Turks remained in control of the high ground, and despite their own severe losses, maintained their dominance over the penin-

ila. It was then that the British Government began to con-template a possible evacu-ation. But Colonel Hankey, who had just returned to London, told the inner Cabi-net he believed there was "good ground for hoping for another success in the Anzac

region".

It was on September 22, as this debate continued, that Murdoch reached London. On the following day he wrote his letter, describing rote his letter. O the August battle as a "costly and bloody fiasco, because, in addition to wretched Staff work, the troops sent were inadequate and of most

uneven quality".
Murdoch's criticism were received with a certain scepticism. On reading his letter. Winston Churchill described its accusations as "the malicious charges of an irresponsible newspaper man". But the doubts so bluntly expressed by Murdoch were already widely held, and within two months, the decision to withdraw was

Both Suvia and Anzac were evacuated on December 20, In all, in less than eight weeks, 34,000 British and Empire troops and 10,000 French troops had been killed. The Turks had lost

When the realization of the dangers of this proposed legislation sinks in (and the unions and the FUC will be bending all their efforts to get the message across) I am convinced that there will be a

The Government is clearly under estimating the degree of opposition it will face. It is gambling on the trade union movement not being able to get a head of steam behind its campaign against the proposals such as occurred in 1970-71 against the Indus-trial Relations Bill. The Government is no doubt assuming that the movement

has been weakened and demoralized by high themployment and loss of membership. It is banking on the fact that its proposals are even more complex and

no equivalent in France", they have also been "enchanted"

cacies is none other than the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane.

I await with interest the Post Office decision which could mean

next spring. A mechanized letter office which is to open in Slough

yesterday, and I am happy to chip

in my bit. He forecasts the

closure of 20 tube stations as a result of the decision so he may feel like making use of the following crucial intelligence.

Temple is the local station for Lord Diplock,

Wimbledon for Lord Brandon,

Indebtsbridge for Lord Scarman

Royal mail

Battle stations

the Government that its between workers on the shop measures have the support of and office floor and consider-a majority of the population, able bad blood, none of still less a majority of trade which will do British indus-

still less a majority of trade unionists. I know all about to opinion polls which are paraded as upholding that view but I know what the response of workers would be to the question of whether they approve action to reduce the rights of their unions and to curtail their ability to maintain their jobs; which will do British industrial will do British industrial to second main plank in Mr. Tebbit's plans aims to limit the rights of workers to take industrial action in a wide variety of circumstances in essence, restricting the rights of their own employees against their own employer over strictly defined terms and conditions. employer over strictly defined terms and conditions

of employment.

But restrictive though the proposals are, their effect is far from clear. It is difficult to say with any certainty just what industrial action would not cause a union to be taken to court: If a union loses a case it stands to pay heavy damages of, if it is a large union, up to £250,000.

would be liable for its own action. It would be held responsible for the acts of any of its officials; not just full-time officials but all shop stewards and branch officers Some large unions could therefore incur liability for the actions of any one of thousands of people.

Nor is it good enough to say that unions must control all their officials. Unions are democratic bodies which are and which employers tell fact that its proposals are us they expect to be even more complex and responsive to the wishes of difficult to grasp than the their members. They are not 1971 legislation.

But the main proposals in strong hierarchical controls.

Mr. Tebbit's 'package are dynamite. Any of them, if Mr Tebbit's 'package are dynamite. Any of them, if used, could blow a company's industrial relations sky-high.

Take the proposals attack. In British industry, they are and cannot be to so successfully every day in British industry, they are

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# Gallipoli: is the film fair to the British?

The Australian-made film Gallipoli, which opened in London a week ago to general critical approval, is creating controversy among historians. The Times asked Martin Gilbert, Winston Churchill's biographer, to sess its historical curacy.

the end of September 5, senior members of the copy of an extraordinary etter. Its writer was Keith Murdoch, an Australian journalist who had just reached London from the

Murdoch had spent seven days on the Gallipoli peninsula, a month after the August battles in which 23,000 soldiers, many of them Australians and New Zea-landers of the Anzac corps, had been killed in two short offensives. In his letter, Murdoch placed the blame for these deaths on "gross selfishness and complacency selfishness and complacency on the part of the Staff? — most of whom were British. Now, 66 years later, a film has been made of the campaign — co-produced by Murdoch's son, Rupert, after an Australian team had approached him with the idea.

Callingly focuses on one

Gallipoli focuses on one sector of the battles, the attack by Australian forces on the Nek on August 7, in which 650 of the 7,250 who went over the top were killed within a few minutes — most within a few seconds — of within a few seconds — of Anzac Cove, further north at leaving their trenches. It Suvia Bay, the British, for does not show the more successful New Zealand at had been laid on, had called a successful New Zealand ar halt to their much less dendron Spur or the further opposed landing and, instead battles in which several of following up their initial thousand British soldiers success, were, as the film expresses it, "drinking cups

The film revolves around of tea". the personal story of two young men, members of the Australian Light Horse — intended as a diversion for the Commander in Chief himself, Sir Ian Hamilton, their friendship in Australia, the British to the north but



only through casual remarks. But however casual, the burden of the elder Murdoch's charges is a heavy one, that while Australians were being massacred at the Nek in a futile assault on the Turkish trenches above

In fact the Australian men".

Cairo and then Gallipoli was part of the Anzac the lethargy of his divisional itself. The events leading up commander's own plan to commanders. So also had an to the campaign and the help the advance of the New accusations of the Murdoch Zealanders on the same letter of 1915 are slipped in front.

There is considerable truth, however, in the film's charge of lethargy at Suvla charge of lethargy at Suvla Bay — as there was in Keith Murdoch's charges, subsquently borne out by evidence presented to the Dardanelles Commission of Inquiry. When Winston Churchill's younger brother Jack landed at Suvla Bay two days after the initial battle, he reported home that the commander of the 11th Division during the landing Division during the landing "seemed apathetic", and that "the apathy of the senior officers had spread to the

lethargy of the commanders, troops to be the principal and he added: "I am taking sufferers. The film makes no steps to have these generals reference to this further replaced by real fighters as offensive.

Silen Hamilton decided to quickly as possible

Kitchener, in London, ordered a further offensive. It took place at Sulva Bay on August 21, 10 days before Murdoch reached the peninmost annoying," wrote Lord sula, and was a repetition of Kitchener, War Secretary, the disaster of August 6. Now when he heard of the it was the turn of the British reference to this further

Sir Ian Hamilton decided to As a result of Kitchener's launch the attack in the distress, the 61-year-old corp afternoon so that the infancommander at Suvla was try could advance with the relieved of his command on sun on their backs, and with relieved of his command on sun on their backs, and with August 16, and the commander of the 11th Division glare. But soon after midday was removed a few days the sun disappeared behind a later. But by then it was too bank of cloud, while the late. The Turks, directed by Turkish positions were hiddled. The Turks had lost more than 80,000 men. Since then, only decaying trenches and beautifully tended war graves attest on the peningular position. The auditor is general their master tactician, Mustaden by the haze. The prelimination of which this film is a poignant reminder.

Attuturk, ruler of post-war failed to touch the Turkish Turkey) had reinforced all front line. Hardly had the attack their positions. Hardly had the attack the sun disappeared behind a more than 80,000 men. Since then, only decaying trenches and beautifully tended war graves attest on the peningular tended war graves attent on the peningular tende



Graham Whettam, the British composer, has over the years had a somewhat turbulent relationship with the BBC. He once accused Auntie of banning a substantial number of

his works without giving a reason and at another time complained that the Boeb had alleged he had written his own fan mail. Now he is at odds with the corporation get

nement of his Clarinet Concerto.

The new concerto was scheduled for performance by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra at the Henry Wood Concert Hall, Glasgow, on January 8, with the young clarinettist Geraldine Allen as soloist and Sir Charles Groves.

conducting. However, Whettam has just received a letter from the BBC with blunt news of the postponement. He says no saits-factory explanation was given and, that "there is something distinctly odd about it."

It could have been an adminis-

trative clanger but Whettam's fear is that it may be connected with the fact that he recently took part, critically, in the debate in The Listener on the administration of the Froms. Yesterday a BBC spokesman in Glasgow told me that though there was "a very good reason" for postponing the performance, he was not prepared to disclose it. Paul Hamburger, a chief music producer for BBC Radio, simply hung up.

low, of course, have all sorts of production problems unknown to the likes of Sir Peter Hall. Casting Alistair from 4b as Balthazar made sense to everyone in view of his lovely voice everyone, that is, except younger brother Graham, who hit the roof and his sister. But I liked Miss Ludlow's imaginative way out:

four wise men.

The stars looked magical in their black leotards and disco. glitter but they trooped on stage a triangle short and I feel it was a shade unheavenly to have a pushing and pulling match of

near-cosmic proportions behind the manger. It only meant they were late twinkling.

since whenever he was late coming in on cue, also frequent, he was enthusiastically shoved from behind by the angels and the from half of the donkey.

was somewhat disturbed, in that was somewhat disturbed, in that only wise men came over as in any way Jewish — and from Brooklyn at that. This was probably due to a mistake, however, since the effect stemmed from the only line they had to speak. Balthazar had to



English cuisine gets an accolade in Paris this week from those high priests of French gastronomy, Henri Gault and Christian Millau, famous for their restaurant guide. Yes, thay say, in an article in a Parisian weekly

## "admirable" Scotch beef and GG in SUSPENSE the "thick" Dover sole, "which has Graham Greene is following the Graham Greene is followed the Graham Greene is followed the Graham Graham Greene is followed the Graham Gra

Graham Greene is following in the footsteps of Charles Dickens by publishing his next novel in instalments. A third chunk of the

Greene has just delivered the completed manuscript of the novel to his publishers at The Bodley Read, but I fear he is too late to catch his preferred publication date in May so fans will have to wait until September to find our what have no seen

Research for the book has been helped by Father beopoldo Duran, a Spanish priest, who has accompanied the author for the last few summers on motoring Mr Ken Livingstone, the belea-gured head of the GLC, needs all the help he can get this morning, after his defeat at the hands of those five Lords of Appeal tours around the country. Exact-ly which of them plays Quixote and which Sancho Panza is not

The travels have not been exactly frontless for the priest, who happens to be a lecturer in English diterature at Madrid

#### David Irving's sarcastic farewell to an old enemy

An extraordinary feud between David Irving, the right-wing historian, and Maurice Ludmer, the veteran anti-fascist who died earlier this year from a heart attack, threatens to continue beyond the grave. Irving, whose book Hitler's War "exonerated" the Führer from any part in the extermination of the Jews, has just published a thoroughly provocative and sarcastic farewell to Ludmer in Focal Point, the journal Irving edits for the journal Irving edits for the rightist Focus Policy Group. Entitled Heil and Farewell"; the obituary on Ludmer, an authority on racist groups in Britain, attacks him for ignoring everything unpalatable to the left, from the Red Army's "rampage of raping, looting and burning and its final suppression of a dozen historic nations" to the takeover of Afghanistan, and ends: "Morry! The fight for a better Britain, decent, clean, free, pure, goes on! Your work, your name will not be forgotten. For Britain, our Britain Maurice Ludmer, for the last time ... Presente!

irving, 43, told me from his holiday hotel in Gstead: "It's a final serilement of old scores. Ludmer did a hatchet job on me on a number of occasions though I must admit I am quite fond of him now that he is dead."

The feud goes back to the mid-

Sixties when a burglary was carried out at Irving's - home.
According to Irving, the burglars

were members of a Jewish underground group associated with a predecessor of Searchlight, the left-wing, anti-racist maga-zine which Ludmer edited until

zine which Ludmer edited until his death at the age of 54.

Veronica Ware, Ludmer's successor, does not plan to let the obituary pass without response, however. She said: "This really goes over the top. It is a parody of some of the tributes paid to Maurice after his death. We shall continue to been a close watch on continue to keep a close watch on Mr Irving and his activities." Ludmer, who determined to fight fascism after inspecting Belsen in 1946 as a member of the War Graves Commission, was president of Birmingham Trades

Council and a devoted lrying-

Playing up

It was a serious piece of miscasting, I should say, to have my god-daughter act as Gabriel in her school nativity play on Wednesday night. She is many things but arch-angelic is not one of them. (For a start, I do not expect to see again the gold brocade curtain I leut her for her cape - she muttered something about the innkeeper's wife being sick on it). Nonetheless, there is one thing

to be said for school plays in these times of cutbacks at the Arts Council: they are the only productions with anything approaching a cast of thousands (well, the entire infants department, plus Miss Ludlow's class). This can do odd things to what you might call the iconography you might call the iconography of the bible story; I was, for instance, not aware until this

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again over the mysterious postpo-nement of his Clarinet Concerto.

week that the shepherds in Galilee outnumbered the sheep. Teachers like Miss Lud-

Joseph, sad to say, lost his way rather a lot amid the script - and several ribs. I should imagine.

The ethnic balance of the story

give an instruction to one of his less-wise men after they had dropped their gold frankincense and (two loads of) myrrh on baby Jesus's head. I have a suspicion he left out the word "ready", when he bellowed the command: Make with the camels, Mel-

Le cuisine anglais

an article in a Parisian weekly, English cuisine really exists:

High St Kensington for Lord Wilberforce Lord Keith lives in Pittochry, Scotland, so he makes most use of King's Cross/St Pancras.

carried earlier instalments in its last two thristmas issues. Greene is a trustee of the Roman Catholic periodical, whose editor, Tom Burns, tells me that his seasonal contributions have done much for its circulation. that mail posted at Windsor Castle will bear the less regal postmark of nearby Slough from

to find out what happens to the Monsignor, a rebellious priest in modern Spain.

yet certain.

inguis interature at Madrid University and unsurprisingly, an arknowledged expert on GG. Concurrently with Greene's latese, instalment in The Tablet, Durangivel an insider's analysis of the author and his recent occurre in The Clergy Review Wisely, he does not give away Quinote's ending



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#### LONDON TRANSPORT AND THE LAW

not have the power to order a the law must be changed. reduction of 25 per cent in the fares charged by London quire more than a simple Transport and throw the redrafting of the relevant whole cost on the ratepayers. sections of the Acts. The idea Local authorities, even the of regional subsidies for largest of them, are the urban transport has been creation of statute. They may do only what they have GLC's foray. As things now expressed (Lordon) Age 1969 Transport (London) Act 1969 does not authorize the GLC to do what it did. Nor did the endorsement of voters' Labour's GLC manifesto supersede in any way the constraints imposed by the

The Act does authorize the GLC to pay the London Transport Executive grants or subsidies out of its precepted rate income. But so far as its ratepayers, which the these take the form of an courts have frequently inoperational subsidy they are permissible only for meeting an important element in the an important element in the garden of the five Law the LTE has done its duty of ensuring, as far as practi-cable, that its operating costs unless there is reason to be are covered by fares and confident that the new dis-other internal revenues, cretion will be prudently Neither the council nor the exercised. executive has authority to go for a deficit as an objective of

must now be supposed the Act under which provincial transport authorities operate) is thus found to preclude positive subsidies for the deliberate manipulation of fare levels or (presumably) for other operational purposes. Yet such subsidies are by now a common instrument of public transport policy — area as a whole, and to keep more so abroad than in their political inpulses under

Greater London Council did does not accommodate them,

A change of law will regiven an unrestricted right to put their hands in ratepayers' pockets for the benefit of public transport users, even though the two classes overlap — especially, as Lord Scarman observed in his judgment, since those who produce the greater part of the rates have no vote in local government elections. The fiduciary duty a council owes Lords in this case, cannot

To be confident of that one would need to be satisfied that the administrative struc-The London Act (and it tures were well adapted to the exercise of the discretion in respect of the area covered, the transport services in-cluded and the population to be taxed; that the authorities given the discretion could be relied on to be guided by considerations of transport policy and the costs and benefits for the people of the

We now have the last word on Britain, but part of orthodoxy control; and that the source the law, and it says that the here none the less. If the law of revenue on which they would be entitled to precept was from the point of view of accountability in a sound relationship to the electorate from which they derive their authority - which will not be the case until local public financing is thoroughly re-formed. All of that raises considerable doubt as to whether the present lines of responsibility for public transport in the London area are the right ones.

But given the right structures, accountability and taxing arrangements, a power of positive subsidy is certainly a power that a modern urban transport authority ought to have. It is no panacea, and it will do no good unless it is carefully related to other policy instruments. One of the GLC's mistakes was to throw the whole of its huge new subsidy at fares, without relating it to improvements in productivity or in the fre-quency and reliability of services. The latter are of even more importance than fare levels when it comes to winning custom. An operating subsidy is a necessary instru-ment of policy if judiciously used in conjunction with capital improvements, flexible work schedules, simplified patterns and collection of fares, regularity of service, administrative and price deterrence to private cars in. inner city areas, and a coordi-nated road works programme. That at any rate is what is suggested by the Continental experience, which our Transport Correspondent looks at

#### TEN CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

months of Britain's presidency of the European Community. On Wednesday Mrs Thatcher was in Strasbourg to give a report on the of last month's summit. She was followed yesterday by Lord Carring-ton, who outlined a number of decisions which had been taken in the last few months, but had to admit that the major objectives had not been achieved. There is still no agreement on the related issues of reform of the common agricultural policy greatest importance to itself. and contributions to the Community budget, both of which were supposed to have year. Nor has it been possible to resolve the differences over fisheries policy, which have been causing difficulties for so long, or to make the progress that had been hoped on bringing down European air fares or allowing insurance companies to operate across national borders.

this failure on this country. budget contributions. A In the first place, there are limits to the possibilities in the next few months. It is which are opened up by being also important that the in the chair. The country holding the presidency can do much to fix the agenda of meetings. It can even force everyone else to work away at which have marked earlier looking for solutions, as Mrs ones.

There has been disappoint-ingly little to show for the six But ultimately it is only one among ten, and it takes ten, all with their own national interests, to reach a Community agreement. What Britain was able to do was to impart a sense of urgency and - unusually - to ensure that meetings started on time. It was able to show that it took the European Parliament seriously: Mrs Thatcher was the first head of government to report to the Parliament on a summit. But it was not able to get agreements on the

There were some achievements. There was the agreement in October on procedures cooperation on foreign policy issues, and on including security, at least in its political aspects, in consultations among the Ten. Foreign policy coordination is an area in which the Community has made slow but steady progress. Some progress was made towards a solution of It would be wrong, how-ever, to put all the blame for to agricultural reform and settlement should be possible in the next few months. It is Community has, so far at least, been able to weather this latest crisis without the recriminations and bitterness

But the fact remains, as Lord Carrington pointed out yesterday, that it has become increasingly difficult to get decisions in the Community. The failure at the summit means that more time and effort will have to be devoted to the issues discussed there; rather than taking up new ones. It could delay even further the entry of Spain and Portugal, which are being made to wait until the Community has sorted out its own difficulties, and are both understandably impatient. It will do nothing to reduce public disillusionment with the workings of the Community, which has long been serious in this country and is Germany.

There are no easy solutions to the problem of getting decisions. One long-standing idea, recently revived by the Germans and the Italians, is to make more use of majority voting. But that could only improve the situation if it meant that one or more countries were overruled on issues that were of importance to them; and that could be a recipe for more disen-chantment. The only way forward is by constructing packages in which countries give up something in one area for gains in another — and by a greater awareness all round of a shared European interest.

#### FISH AND FOWL IN FLEET STREET

Does it matter? Does the

fact that a journalist is, in his

private life, a firm supporter

Journalists, like most members of the community, hold political opinions. They vote in local and parliamentary elections. They may be members of a political party. Some of them become politically active, presenting themselves as candidates for their local council, or for Westminster. Others demonstrate their commitment through their membership of various committees, or by individual effort behind the scenes.

The question whether strong political allegiance and unbiased journalistic per-formance are compatible is by no means new, but the advent of the Social Democratic Party has given it a new turn. It appears, though it is difficult to quantify, that the party has attracted a significant complement of journalists. It is clear that some of them - drawn from a very wide range of newspapers are taking an active part, through committees (like that on communication, on which The Times reported yesteror by offering themselves as candidates in elections, or as advisers.

#### **Boundary Commission**

From Mr Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North Sir, I have read the letter from the secretary to the Boundary Commission in today's Times (December 14) with much inter-

est. I find it unacceptable. The prime duty of the Boundary Commission is to produce constituency boundaries which are even in terms of number of electors and homogeneous in character. There can be no possible excuse for not putting been given no idea of when they

of the SDP and works for the party, affect his credibility as a journalist? There is no easy answer. Obviously, much depends on the field he covers. It may not matter at all if the sports editor of a newspaper is an active party worker. If he is the political correspondent, there may be justification for some disquiet. A journalist actively engaged in politics is perhaps not the most objective purveyor of news about politics. A Member of Parliament who has a financial interest in a subject which he raises in the House has to declare his interest. Should the journalist with a strong political committment be under a similar obligaton to tell his public of his involvement in the very subject on which he reports.

It is extraordinarily difficult to draw the line in practice. Political commitment does not necessarily manifest itself in membership of committees, or in attempts to find a seat. Parties differ in

this democratic duty above all other considerations such as shortage of secretarial staff, shortage of assistant comshortage missioners and the rest.

In the one experience I have had of the commission at work I was appalled at the autocratic nature of the assistant commissioner who conducted the enquiry. It was a thoroughly legal matter to him, it appeared, and if ordinary people could not handle it in this way, then bad luck! The result was that the lawyers were upheld and, having

the way they operate. journalist who works behind the scenes for one party may be just as effective — and potentially suspect in his political writings — as one who pursues his aims more openly on behalf of another party. Mrs Shirley Williams has admitted that, apart from the journalists who are publicly known to be active helpers of the SDP, there are others whose identities have not been revealed. They should be.

What is important is that the editors of newspapers should know when journalists have reached a stage of political commitment that might be considered (whether rightly or wrongly) to affect their judgment when writing about political mat-ters. It should then be up to the editor to decide whether or not to curtail his writing on those subjects and divert him elsewhere. In general, an editor (who should not himself be politically active) should exercise that editorial discretion to remove the possibility of perceived bias.

might be called to give their evidence, (questions were not allowed) they left for work or the care of their homes and families and a whole side of the case was

thus unsupported by witnesses.

The Boundary Commission cannot possibly be excused for allowing this sort of thing to happen and, as a body answerable to Parliament should take immediate steps to put itself above reproaches of this kind.

Yours etc. HARRY GREENWAY, House of Commons. December 14.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### An urgent case for reflation

From Professor Wynne Godley: Sir, The present Government's economic policy has always been based on the view that unemployment current be reduced (other than temporarily) by fiscal and monetary policy; and that the attempt to use policy in this way only leads to more inflation and ultimately to even more memployment than otherwise

would have occurred. This view is one which does not admit of any "flexibility" whatever. Most particularly it implies that if there are any cuts at all in taxation in the next Budget this will make both unemployment and inflation worse, not better. When on earth are people going to wake up and see these ideas to be wrong from beginning to end and that policies based on them have had wholly perverse effects; they have generated (as I forewarned they would) an unprecedentedly severe slump with-out the prospect of sustained recovery at any stage, with unemployment rising indefinitely and, very likely, without much reduction in the inflation rate. As the money supply is way above its target rate of growth, inflation still in double figures and the public sector borrowing requirement no lower than the target set in the MTFS (medium term financial strategy), the only possible justification for any reduction in tax rates in the Budget, on which many people now seem to be counting, is that this will increase real output and employment. But this would be to admit that the Government's policies so far have indeed been based on entirely false premises. And as soon as people see this they should recognize also the depressely average people for desperately urgent need for really substantial reflationary neasures before any more destruction occurs.

Such measures should be devised so as to reduce industrial costs and prices, thereby simul-taneously increasing exports, domestic output and employment while actually reducing inflation. A £10,000m package consisting of the abolition of the National Insurance surcharge and a reduction of NI contributions by employers in manufacturing industry would make a good start.

Yours faithfully. WYNNE GODLEY, University of Cambridge, Department of Applied Economics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge,

#### Art buyers' premium

From Mr David Mason Sir. The humiliation of the two art trade organizations is now complete. Sotheby's high-handed and combative statement this week (report, December .. 16) confirms that they will not abolish the premium or even reduce it but in fact they will also

ing three-quarters of the items that they sell by 50 per cent.

Mrs. Geraldine Norman's penetrating article (December 17) on the bitter dispute between Sotheby's and Christie's on the one hand, and the British Antique Dealers' Association and the Society of London Art Dealers on the other, over the controversial 10 per cent suction-

controversial 10 per cent auctioneers' buyers' premium gives
cause for the greatest concern.
Several weeks ago Mr. Gordon
Borrie, Director General of the
Office of Fair Trading, who had
already attempted to investigate
the alleged collusion by the
auctioneers over the introduction
of the premium twice before,
again took up the cudgels on
behalf of the public, who sadly
have so far been totally ignored
by both dealers and auctioneers
alike. However, he has been
hampered in his inquiries by the
extraordinary and obstinate refusal by the dealers' organizations to assist him.

tions to assist him.

As a picture dealer who has been highly critical of the art trade's supine attitude to the financial strength and establishment standing of the auctioneers, and deployer that even at this large I deplore that even at this late stage neither trade organization stage neither trade organization has been willing to furnish the Office of Fair Trading with the evidence they hold of this alleged collusion. Could we not now have an unequivocal declaration by the British Antique Dealers' Association and Society of London Art Dealers that they will forthwith co-operate to the full with the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading? And if not, why not?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MASON, Chairman, MacConnal-Mason 14 Duke Street, St James's, SW1.

#### CBI rates plea

From Mr F. L. Othick Sir, Your report (Business News, December 9) refers to Sir Terence Beckett's claim, on behalf of the CBI, that industry is contributing £5,000m in rates this

year.
The total rate income is. I understand, £10,000m. As industry accounts for only 23 percent of the total ratable value its contribution would seem to be less than half the figure Sir Terence claims.

It is to be hoped that Mr Michael Heselfine will be cautious about inflicting more burdens on domestic ratepayers to help industrialists unless and until their true need is properly authenticated. In any case help should be reserved for those proved to be badly hit, not every industrial concern irrespective of its fortunes.

Yours, etc. FRANK OTHICK, 109 Hookfield.

#### Dilemma of the Polish people

From Mr John Lyons

Sir. You say in your leader on Poland today (December 16) that "the radicals in Solidarity overplayed their hand". There is a sense in which this is obviously true but before it becomes the conventional wisdom I would like

to put a different view.
It happens that I was in Poland
five weeks ago. Among those I met was Mr. Janus Onyszkiewicz, a leading representative of Solidarity, who is now reported to be among those who have been arrested.

My clear impression from my visit was of almost universal agreement among Poles that the Polish Government and the Polish Communist Party, of which the Government was: an extension, had lost all credibility with the Polish people. Nothing they did or said commanded the slightest respect among the people at large. On the other hand, Solidarity, with a membership of ten million (plus two million in Rural Solidarity), did command that respect.

As I understood it, the central political requirement in Poland was for a negotiated deal between the Government; and Solidarity which would leave the leading role of the Communist Party intact but which nevertheless would make sufficient political concessions to Solidarity to enable it to call ou its supporters to turn to the task of rescuing the Polish economy and, there-fore, the Polish nation from the abyss everyone saw before them.

The position of Solidarity's leadership was emphatically that they did not want political power, nor even did they wish to form a political party. The Solidarity leadership saw their function essentially as a trades union which happened for the moment to be receptacle for the Polish peoples' political desire for peoples' political desire for honest and democratic Government within the Communist system. They wished to secure the essential political changes their supporters wanted and then to revert to their trade union

Solidarity's political demands of the Government were princi-pally four: the right of access to television (specifically to have half an hour to themselves a week); the introduction of an independent judiciary; free local elections; and the creation of a joint council between the Government, Church and Solidarity to have an input into the legislative process, principally in a verting

capacity.
I was struck by the modesty of these demands. What I could not understand was why it seemed to be such an insuperable difficulty for agreement to be reached between Solidarity and the Government somewhat along these lines, particularly as I formed the opinion that the Solidarity ledership strongly wished to reach an agreement wished to reach an agreement with the Government.

now, If the Polish Government

It lead to where we are now at: the radicals in Solidarity gaining helpless resignation.

ascendancy and putting forward
demands which eventually gave real hope for Europe in its
the Government the excuse in darkest hour since World War
wanted to introduce martial law. Two. (It is absolutely apparent, inci- I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, dentally, that the whole operation ANTONI POSPIESZALSKI, has been very well planned, 2 115 Redston Road, N8. process which must have taken December 16. weeks if not months).

It is for these reasons I do notthink it is good enough to regard the imposition of martial law in Poland as being the fault of the radicals who went too far. With hindsight, I would say that the Polish Communist Party has never had any intention of conceding a free trades union movement in Poland, let alone democracy in any wider sense; it has played a waiting game, indirectly encouraging the emergence of relatively extreme elements for its own purposes.

Complaints on police From the Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales

Sir, I take the trouble to reply to Sir, I take the trouble to reply to Mr Michael Meacher (December 12) because he has addressed some questions directly to me. I have long since abandoned any hope of getting Mr Meacher to understand the whole facts of the problems involved in the police complaints system, but would not wish your readers to think that his latest effort is any more sound than his previous ones.

First, I have not "back-First, I have not "back-tracked"as Mr Meacher, relying on a newspaper report of my appearance before the parliamentary select committee, implies. It was always my belief that complaints of criminal behaviour by police officers should be investigated by police officers, whether or not the matter came to light through a member of the public. Under our proposals, any subsequent investigation into non-criminal aspects of a complaint would be carried out by wholly independent persons. This would have applied in most, if not all, the cases of recent years. all, the cases of recent years which have attracted so much

public controversy.

Mr Meacher implies that the
Director of Public Prosecutions is not an independent authority when he decides whether or not to prosecute a police officer. This is a serious reflection on the personal integrity of the Director and his staff. The Director applies the same test to the possibility of securing a conviction against a police officer as he

does in any other case. : Mr Meacher complains that the December 14,

invented.

Incidentilly, I must emphasise that I write in a personal invented. capacity... Yours faithfully,

JOHN LYONS. Ceneral Secretary, Engineers and Managers Association. Station House Fox Lane North Chertsey, Surrey...

From Mr Antoni Pospieszalski Sir. Your editorial "What the Poles should do." (December 16) is evidence that the admirable British habit of looking at the other side of every con can be carried too lar. You are still looking for some kind of respect-able justification for the "state of war" imposed upon Poland by General Jaruzelski and ask the irrelevant question whether a Russian intervention will follow

The question is irrelevant because what has happened is, in secause what has happened is, in fact, armed intervention by proxy. Unconfirmed reports that Marshal Kulikov spent the week proceding the coup in Poland, or that Soviet transport plades have landed in Warsaw since are equally irrelevant because it is not the physical presence of the Russians that matters.

Russians that matters is that the couplis in no one else's interest but that of Moscow alone, and General Jaruzelski's hint that he has taken that action in order to forestall an invasion, so far from excusing the treasonable act, is indirect confirmation that he undertook it on orders of Moscow. The excuse that Poland was on the brink of civil war you yourself have already branded as nonsensical.

The "state of war" is cerainly The "state of war" is cerainly not in the interest of the long-suffering Polish people and makes their ordeal so much worse. Also the hope that Polish workers will under the threat of bayonets produce the goods necessary to repay the mountain of debts incured by their rulers is a forlorn hope. Poles know that under the present regime they under the present regime they could not do it, even if they worked their hands to the bone. worked their hands to the bone.

This is one reason (though for them not the prime reason) why they resist. If only a minority resist, actively, it is not that the majority see in the coup a chance for solving. Poland's problems. The engineers of the coup have seen to it that fear should be the predominant.

seen to it that fear should be the predominant factor shaping people's behaviour.

In this light your hope that after martial law is lifted a truncated. Solidarity would be able to exert any sort of pressure for liberalization and increased economic efficiency styles, one rished to reach an agreement economic efficiency strikes one at naive. You might as well hope what I could not understand for democratic reforms in war-hen I believe I can understand torn Afghanistan.

now. If the Polish Government What we are having now in the and Communist Party had almiddle of Europe is another ready taken the view that it afghanistan. The West as a whole wished to reimpose its authority is extremely slow in grasping this on the Polish people then, of awful but simple fact. Perhaps a slow maturation to the full realistically over the demands of moderate Solidarity leadership was exactly the right course to outcry, as after the invasions of take.

Czechoslovakia and of Afghanistan which then peters out into What we are having now in the tan, which then peters out into helpless resignation.
This, I venture to say, is the

From Mr Nigel Linaire Sir, Does the British Communist Party's support (December 17) for "the restoration of all democratic rights" in Poland include legalising all other political parties and regular national elections to choose between those parties? Or does this fall outwith the bounds of socialist realism? Yours faithfully, NIGEL LINACRE. 15 Hindman's Road; SE22.

dent system of investigation into all complaints, criminal and non-

plaint. He has never portrayed

plaint. He has never portrayed any sympathy or understanding for the sinuation of such an officer. Fair minded people, on the other hand, hight wonder why he supports all moves aimed at strengthening the protection of the citizen who is asspected of

crime, except where that citizen

Police Federation of England and

happens to be a policeman.

Yours faithfully

JAMES JARDINE, Chairman,

Surbiton

Wates, 15-17 Langley Road,

December 17.

Director makes his decision on the basis of the police report of the investigation, without personally interviewing either the complainant or the police officer. In what other cases does the Director interview a suspect a complainant before deciding whether to prosecute? He can and often does, order that further inquiries be made into a police complaint before he takes a decision. a decision.

Apparently, Mr Meacher believes that a wholly indepen-

I may add that of course I always use The Times for this purpose, though I am quite ignorant of the scientific explanation of this phenomenon.

Sir, How very strange that, while

Is this perhaps on a par with our former peddling of oplum in order to undermine China's constitution? Yours faithfully, JOANNE BOWER

Honorary Secretary.
The Parm and Food Society,
4 Willifield Way, NW11.

## Steps towards

I write because I do not think Iacial equality
there is the slightest justification
for arresting Mr Januzs Onyszklewicz and his colleagues, who I Sir, I hold no particular
would regard as being in the best the Commission for Raci
traditions of British trade unionlist, for when I was Chai
ism, and I do not wish to see any the old Race Relations B
invented. From Sir Geoffrey Wilson Sir, I hold no particular brief for the Commission for Racial Equathe Commission for Racial Equa-lity, for when I was Chairman of the old Race Relations Board we warned a totally deaf Mr Alex Lyon of what the consequences were likely to be if the Govern-ment, of which he was then a member, went shead with its plan to member, went shead with its plan to merge the board and the Race Relations Commission.

But whatever the detailed shortcomings of the commission, Mr Lyon and his parliamentary colleagues (report, December 16) are shooting at the wrong target. The major responsibility rests with this Government and the last

one.
In its final report in Sep-tember, 1976, the Race Relations Board set our some of the steps which it thought that the government should take to improve race relations and concluded: "The use by the Government of its is long overdue. ... While it fails to use its executive powers its commitment to that fight (ie against race discrimination in Employment) will inevitably be

Race and Immigration and the Community Relations Commission have put forward many recommendations on what Government departments and local authorities can and should do . The response to their proposals has been negligible. Until the Government allocates the necessary resources . . 50 that its words and policies can be put into effect, some scepticism of its determination to deal with

the issues will be justified." These words were addressed to a Labour Government and they are equally applicable to this one. Mr Whitelaw's promise that at last there will be some degree of monitoring in the Civil Service is most welcome, but there is little sign of any other positive use of its powers by the Government, and until there is it is quite unreasonable to expect that a statutory body with a very modest amount of money will be able to make a significant impact.
The CRE can be a valuable support for over and vigorous.
Government action. But even the most perfect commission can be Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY WILSON,

### Wartime Wagner

4 Poistead Road

Oxford.

From Mr Harold Rosenthal Sir, I am sure that my friend Sir, I am sure that my friend Bernard Levin will not object to my playing Beckmesser on the again, especially as on this occasion it is to correct a mistaken piece of Wagnerian folk-lore that seems to have grown up. It is not true to suggest as Mr Levin did in his article last Saturday (December 12) that "The war-long ban on performances of his music meant that those young people who were a few years my (Levin's)

senior had grown up, musically, without him. There was no kind of ban of any kind on Wagner between 1939 and 1945; I attended many concerts in which Wagner's music was played during those years, and especially remember the "bleeding chunks" from Wagner operas during the warnine Proms, when such singers as Eva Turner, Walter Widdop, Parry Jones, Redwers Llewelyn and other well-known artists sang extracts from The Ring, Tristan, Meistersinger, etc., as well as Meistersinger, etc, as well as concerts by the LPO at the Coliseum conducted by Karl Ranki which included music by Wagner. It is true that no Wagner

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operas were performed during the war. Yours faithfully. HAROLD ROSENTHAL, Editor, Opera, 6 Woodland Rise, N10.

#### Cold feet?

From Mrs R. S. King-Farlow Sir, For those who wish to stretch their shoes to a comfortable fit but dislike the idea of putting their footwear in the freezer, as suggested by your correspondent of December 10. may I pass on a tip given to us by our cleaning lady's husband (a retired industrial worker). He recommended quickly soaking a few pages of newspaper in water, squezing them into a ball, and stuffing it as tightly as possible into the offending shoe, which stretches to a comfortable width.

all complaints, criminal and noncriminal, would increase the
proportion of prosecutions
against the police for alleged
assaults. To believe this, it is
necessary to accept his premise
that police investigators do not
do the job theroughly at the
present time, or that the Director
is failing in his public duty.
I find it revealing that Mr
Meacher objects to our proposals
for strengthening the civil rights
of police officers who find
themselves subjected to a complaint. He has never portrayed

Sir. How very strange that, while China is trying desperately to control its population explosion. Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, should bestow the industry's top marketing award on Mr. Joe Buckner, of Cherry Valley, Dacks, who is exporting ducks! feet to China as aphrodisiats: (Business News, December 9):

William Booth, the movement's founder, on his arrival at the London headquarters yesterday.

and it is increasingly difficult to ensure retention in this country of things we would like to keep. They had included, he said, the Codex Leicester and the Rashid Al-Din World History.

Sir Frederick was introducing the library's annual report, which comments this year on the encouraging progress made on conservation. Equal amounts,

activities of both local auth

on their respective library

cations for their support are

being determined", he said. Report by the Minister for the

devolopments in thermal wave imaging and pholoscoustic specipometry; to Dr J. A. Cullum. £30,351 for gene instability and Iransposable elements in streplomyres; to Professor E. H. Rhodorick and Dr Dr. E. Singer. £4 for the condition of the condition £36,050 for defects in silicon devices and microcircuits; to Dr K. Phillips and Professor M. G. Rusbridge, £51,822 for study of the increase of planes, density in the UMIST quadrupole; to Professor R. K. Bullongh, £22,700 for integrability of non-linear partial differential equations with two independent variables,

Office, £2.30).

Cost of shelving British Library

modation for 2.500 people and 18 miles of shelving, he said.
Sir Frederick pointed out that the building would not be available for another 9 to 10

available for another 9 to 10 years, so there would be no real relief for that period. "We are the keystone of the country's libraries system and if we fail, the ripples go out to all other libraries", he said.

In terms of poundage, the library was receiving more in 1982-83 than other institutions but there were inexorable rises in expenditure and additional duties had been placed on the library. They were examining their priorities and at the end of the day some things had to suffer more than others.

"We are really in a very

"We are really in a very parlous state in relation to responding to heritage matters

Funds running dangerously low

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

The report gives a warning that further reductions in

local authority expenditure must call into question the

authorities' ability to con-tinue to provide the sort of service that the public still increasingly demands.

The council emphasizes the extent to which libraries have

become dependent on facili-ties provided centrally by the British Library, and especially by the British Library lending

In his report Mr Channon acknowledges that con-straints on the funding of the



## **COURT** AND SOCIAL

#### COURT OF CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 17: His Excellency Mr
Shridath Ramphal (Commonwealth Secretary-General) had
the honour of being received by

The Queen.

Ris Excellency Monsieur Robbert Fack and Madame Fack were received in farewell audiwere received in larewell audience by Her Majesty and took
leave upon His Excellency
relinquishing his appointment as
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the
Court of St James's.

His Excellence Monsieur Erith-

His Excellency Mousieur Frith-jof Halfdan Jacobsen and Mrs Jacobsen were received in farewell autence by The Queen-and trob and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipoten-ciary from the Kingdom of Norway to the Court of St James's.
Mr Carol Mather, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. T. M. Abern and Miss P. C. Ros The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of the late Major-General T. M. R. Ahern and Mrs Ahern, of Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Rose, of Writtle, Essex.

Mr E. G. Creasy and Miss P. M. Anderson

and Miss P. M. Auderson
The engagement is announced
between Edward, elder son of Mr
Robert Creasy, Lawrock House,
Freckenham, Suffolk, and Mrs
Anthony Villar, Tostock, Bury St
Edmunds, Suffolk, and Penelope
Mhairl, only daughter of Major
and Mrs Michael Anderson,
Westfield House, Westfield, West
Lothiam.

Hr N. El. Artell and Miss M. E. Watson-Smyth The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Deryk Arkell, of Bouthrop Rouse, Eastleach, Gloucester-shire, and Mrs H. D. Bailey, of Forresters House, Minchinhamp-ton, Gloucestershire, and ton, Gloucestershire, and Miranda, third daughter of Mr Michael Watson-Smyth, of Middle Hill Park, Broadway, Worcester-shire, and Mrs Watson-Smyth, of 35 Park Walk, London, SW3.

The engagement is announced between Henry, youngest son of the late Mr H. E. Manisty and of Lady Stephens, of The Old Rectory, Coates, Gloucestershire, and Sara, younger daughter of Captain J. W. Stead, RN (retd), and Mrs Stead, of Sydney, Australia.

Miss O. M. R. Fane

and Miss O. M. R. Fane
The engagement is announced
between Adam, only son of Mr
Nigel Nicolson, of Sissinghurst
Castle, Kent, and Lady McAlpine,
of Aylestield, Alton, Hampshire,
and Olivia, elder daughter of Mr
and Mrs Antony Fane,
of Rutherwyck House, Lyne,
Surrey.

#### Luncheons

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr Humpbrey Arkins, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens in bonour of 'Mr David Ford, departing Com-missioner of the Hongkong Government Office.

Lunchtime Comment Club Sir Campbell Adamson was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Mr E. G. Cornish, chairman, presided.

#### **Dinners**

The Leathersellers' Company
The Master of the Leathersellers'
Company, Major S. Peter Barrow, the Wardens and Members
of the Court of Assistants
entertained Prince and Princess
Michael of Kent at dinner at
Leathersellers' Hall, on December 16.

Glass Sellers' Company Glass Sellers' Company
Mr Leonard Pagliero was installed as Master of the Glass
Sellers' Company at Stanionera'
Hall yesterday, Mr C. J. Bell, was
installed as Prime Warden and
Mr V. C. Hender as Renter
Warden. A dinner was held later,
when those present included:
The Master of the Stationera'
Company, the Master of the Actuaries'
Company, the Master of the Actuaries'
Company, the President of Bishoppate
Gub. Lleutenant-General Sir Hugh
Cumningham. Major-General John
Cumningham. Major-General John
Groom, Mr S A Field. Mr W R Ide, Mr L
L Felliner, Prehendary O C Mossman
and Mr P J Willoughby (honorary
cierk).

Professor C. H. Tonge, President of the British Dental Association, was host at a dinner given yesterday at the association's headquarters. The guests were: headquarters. The guests were:
Professor Str Frank Lawton. President
of the Goneral Denial Council
of the Goneral Denial Council
of the British Medical Association. Str
Alan Paris, President of the Royal
College of Burycons of England,
Professor P Bramiey. Dean of the
Parulity of Denial Surgery at the Royal
College of Surgeons of England, Dr J
Nunn. Dean of the Faculty of
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#### 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday December 18 1956

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster, Monday. — The reunion of the Prime Minister and his backbenchers in the Commons today could hardly have failed to be touched with the control of the county of the self-consciousness on both sides. self-consciousness on both sides. So it proved, when Sir Anthony Eden emerged from behind the Speaker's chair while the Minister of Foel and Power was wrestling with some prickly questions on petrol rationing. As soon as the Prime Minister's sunsoon as the Frime Manister's Sun-ramed countenance was spotted by his well-wishers they raised a cheer which bore him to the Treasury bench. How many decibels of sound the cheer registered it would be rash to

conjecture.

## Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make

reply.
The Prince of Wales, Patron, this morning at Euckingham Palace chaired a meeting of the Trustees of The Rainbow Boats

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 17: Princess Alexandra
this afternoon opened the new
Wellcome Museum of the History
of Medicine at the Science
Museum, London, SW7.
Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard

The Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress send greet-ings for Christmas and 1982 to their friends. They are donating to the National Playing Fields Association instead of sending Christmas cards.

Mr Abdul Kader Ahmed Jaffer, Honorary Consul of Brazil in Karachi, was awarded "Order of Southern Cross" by the Ambassador of Brazil in Pakistan oz Saturday.

#### Mr D. M. Graham, RAN, and Miss C. M. Adelmann

All the alternatives to building new premises for the British Library are far more expensive than the present estimated total cost of 1300m, Sir Frederick Dainton, chairman of the British Library board, said yesturday. The first stage of the library on its new site, east of St Pancras station, in north London, has been authorized by the Government at a cost of £88m and work starts next spring. But if the 10 million volumes in the library's reference division were to be put on photo-microform the cost at today's prices would be £600m, Sir Frederick said.

Accommodation for 400 people The engagement is accounced in Sydney between David, son of Mr and Mrs M. Graham, Melbourne, Australia, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr H. Adelmann and Mrs M. Adelmann, of Wimbledon, London SW19.

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Dr and Mrs I. G. McGregor, of Great Field, Windermere, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I. R. B. Belsham, Green Man Inn, Fownhope, Hereford. Accommodation for 400 people will be available in two reading rooms in the first stage of the new headquarters building and there will be 52 miles of shelving. Eventually there will be accom-

Marriages

and Mrs Gilcurist
The marriage of Viscount
Dilhorne and Mrs Gilchrist
yesterday was followed by a
service of blessing in the Crypt
Chapel of the Palace of Westminster, at which the Rev W.
Gibbs officiated.

Mr T. J. B. Henson and Mrs A. Mears The marriage took place quietly on December 17 in Yorkshire between Mr Thomas John Brooke Henson, of The Corner House, Bulmer, York, and Mrs Anne Mears, of High Farm, Firby, York.

Mr H. A. Grey and Miss L M. Anscombe

The marriage took place in London on December 17 between Mr Howard Andrew Grey, son of Mr and Mrs A. Grey, of Forset Court, Marble Arch, London, W2, and Miss Isabelle Mary Anscombe, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Anscombe, of White Lodge, Bramball, Cheshire.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen C. Aldrich was christened Cassandra Frances Casson by the Rev. Michael Thompson at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, on December 13. The godparents are Mr Julian R. Perry, Mrs Averil Zaniboni and Miss Deirdre Henty-Creer.

Dartmouth parade Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth
Vice-Admiral Sir Lindsay Brysott, Controller of the Navy, took the salute at the parade yesterday, when the following officers passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:
GENERAL LIST: Acting Sub-Lieutenants: S. R. Bayum, M. S. Pike, A. R. Reynolds, N. P. Smith, G. T. Cesard, G. R. Evana, R. J. Marsh, K. S. Warrell, A. T. H. Brook, D. G. Edwards, B. H. W. Roberts, C. J. Dockerty, R. C. Stenhouar, S. N. Mitte, G. M. Dolphin, T. M. Phenderson, D. T. G. Duaye, M. J. Grindell, C. R. Smith, D. W. Hottloga, N. G. Oskley, J. C. Stervari, J. G. Darbary, P. E. Smith, Son, C. P. R. Robinson, D. R. C. Kelly, K. Manno, S. Axten, A. L. Milne, S. C. J. M. M. C. C. M. M. C. C. S. M. M. M. C. G. Marilla, J. P. McCleine, N. W. McKeight, C. E. T. Robinson, N. G. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, N. G. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, N. G. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, N. G. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, N. G. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. Miller, J. W. Miller, J. W. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. Spicer, M. R. Toppson, J. W. Witten, J. W. M. J. W. Witten, J.

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Britannia Royal Naval College

Mr Christopher Fry, the Mr Christopher Fry, the dramatist, who is 74.
Sir Neville Ashenheim, 81; Sir Brian Batsford, 71; General Sir Edwin Bramall, 58; Lr-Cmdr. I. E. Fraser, VC. 61; Dame Cella Johnson, 73; Miss Annette Page, 49; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, 61; Lord Robens of Woldingham, 71; Major-General Sir Reginald Scoones, 81; Mr Joe Wade, 62.

Many well established libraries in both the academic

and the public sectors are being eroded by the re-duction of funds for acqui-

sitions and running expenses to a "dangerously low" level, Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, says in a report published yesterday.

This is the conclusion of the Library and Information Services Council, contained

in the report. It also states that some library authorities are finding it difficult to maintain a conprehensive

library service.

Birthdays today

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Philip Ledger to be principal
of the Royal Scottish Academy of
Music and Drama in succession
to Dr David Lumsden.
Rear-Admiral D J Halifax to be
promoted vice admiral in April,
1982, and to be Deputy Supreme
Allied Commander Atlantic in
June, 1982, in succession to ViceAdmiral Sir Cameron Rusby.
Colonel Helen G Meechie to be Colonel Helen G Meechie to be Director, Women's Royal Army Corps, in March, 1982, in the rank of brigadier, in succession to Brigadier Anne Field. Dr I D Campbell to be treasurer of the Royal College of Phys-icians of Edinburgh Dr T M Chalmers to be registrar. Dr T M Chaimers to be registrar.
Dr I W Delamore and Dr G J R
McHardy to be members of the
college council.
Mr J Paingrieve of Cheltenham,
to be a member of the count of
examiners in general surgery of
the Royal College of Surgeous
for three years.

"We have lost so much money that we have to close down for a breather" — D'Oyiy Carte spokesman.

A Song for the D'Oyly Carte Company

When you're deep in the red And the singers aren't fed, While the orchestra's dying of scurvy

But your grant has been cut And a door has been shut

And your old begging bowl Has developed a hole

All the men of Penzance Now have holes in their pants

They're a mutinous crew

You're entitled to feel
That a simple square meal
Wouldn't turn the whole world topsy-turvy.

Which you couldn't quite manage a foot in.

- Either that, or no money's been put in.
Well, the scenery's rotting,

That appeared in The Guard
Has to house a bedraggled Mikado.

And although you appeal to their bonhomie,

The costumes unknotting
And it's hard to go on with bravado
When the same castle yard

University news

Oxford
ST JOHN'S
Elections: President of the
college, Sir John Kendrew.
Honorary fellowships: The
Bishop of Birmingham, Professor
Myers Smith McDougal.

Appointments
Personal readerships: H Beynon,
sociology Dr J D Horton Immunology.
To a professorial fellowship in
theology, Dr E D A Hulmes.
David Parker, BSc, DPhil,
lecturer in chemistry.

Grants
Science and Engineering Research
Council £30.005 ever three years to
Professor B H Bransden and Dr. D R
Flower for the investigation, semiclassical calculations of charge-transfor processors.

Department of the investigation, semiclassical calculations of charge-transfor processors.

Department processors.

Department Environment Research Council: £58, 142 over three years to Dr. N R
Goully for the investigation, "Sehmic
reflection data-processing".

Medical Research Council: £60, 110
Barker, for the "Histophysiological
investigation of the reinpervation of
mammalian muscle spindles after
any for the manual form of the council £50, 15 to Dr. M J Morantinvestigation "Characterization opeimization and applications of novel
silicon bistable devices".

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silicon bistable devices.

Manchester UMIST

New health centre

When you miss out Act Two

You're an overnight star

Just for reasons of stringent economy. So at night, when you dream,

You enlarge on a scheme
For the opening night of a disco,
And the right man to do it
Is clearly Rod Stewart
Whom you fly in from old San Francisco.

All the Beatles come by With Prince Charles, bringing Di Though it's five thousand dollars for entry,

And Roy Shaw also comes, Waving cheques for huge sums, But you won't let him in with the gentry.

And you eat caviar
Till the sturgeon are counter attacking,

For you're still D'Oyly Carte
And a letter's come, signed "Liquidator".
Closing Down. All Must Go.
Though you'd like us to know

That the show must go on - but much later.

You're not rich, you are stinking, But just when you're thinking Of giving the Arts Council backing — You awake with a start,

Moreover ... Miles Kington

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Grants from the Science and
Engineering Research Council:
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#### Lecture

Royal Astronomical Society
The 1981 George Darwin lecture
was delivered at the meeting of
the Royal Astronomical Society
in London on December 11 by
Professor D. D. Clayton, of Rice
University, Texas. His subject
was "Cosmic chemical memory: a
new astronomy."

# A grant of £30,000 from the loseph Rowntree Charitable Trust has helped to pay for a centre for bealth studies of the ethnic minorities. The centre, which has also received assistance from the Bradford Area Health Authority and Bradford University, is to be based at Bradford Royal Infurmary.

#### £5,280 for Victoria's album of consolation

The British Library yesterday acquired the two-volume "Album Consolativam", in which Queen Victoria transcribed the passages of verse and prose which she found of most comfort in her grief at Prince Albert's death. They range from Goethe to encouraging progress made on conservation. Equal amounts, about £4m, are spent annually on conservation and acquisitions, but conservation is pulling ahead and last year a record number of 234,291 items were bound, conserved of furbished, with a 300 per cent increase in the newspaper bindery. Eighth annual report, 1980-81 (British Library Press and Public Relations Section, 2 Sheraton Street, London, WIV 4BH, £1).

London theatre

The London theatre is to receive £100,000 for promotion throughout Britain next spring, with the intention of attracting audiences from as far away as Glasgow and Edinburgh (Our Arts Courespondent of the course o

Edinburgh (Our Arts Courespondent writes).

The project was announced lass night by the London Tourist. Board, in conjunction with the Society of West. End Theatre, British Rail, London Transport and Grand Metropolitan Hotels. Its aim is to sell a package for people, including travel, hotel and theatre, with big savings on normal prices. An exhibition train will visit 14 cities from February 22 to March 7 to advertise the deal, starting at Marylebone, and travelling to Bristol, Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Rull, Sheffield, Nottingham and Norwich. Norwich.

# Across the ages: General Jarl Wahlström, the new leader of the Salvation Army, with a bust of General

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

found of most comfort in her grief at Prince Albert's death. They range from Goethe to Teanyson, from condolence letters to popular songs.

The two volumes were offered for sale at Sotheby's and Quaritch bid £5,280 for them on behalf of the library. Dr' B. Waley, Keeper of Mamuscripts, said that the purchase had been decided on for heritage reasons. Sotheby's had estimated the lot at £3,000 to £3,500. It has not been established how the album left the Royal Family.

Sotheby's sale of letters, documents and manuscripts (12 per cent unsold) contained many rare currosities. The top price of £18,700 (estimate £12,000-£15,000) was paid by Quaritch for a document signed by Henry VIII and appointing commissioners to arrange a marriage between his son, Prince Edward, aged six, and Mary Queen of Scots, aged one. It was rejected by the Scotish Parliament and vast areas of Scotland were couse-quently laid waste by Seymour the hammer of the Scots."

Philatelic history was shown to retain its daual appeal when an orities and academic insti-tutions during the year have inevitably had repercussions "I shall be anxious to ensure that the value and vulnerability of library and information services are fully appreciated when future allo-Arts on Library and Infor-mation Matters during 1981 (Cmnd 8454, Stationery

"the hammer of the Scots"

Philatelic history was shown to retain its daual appeal when an archive of 350 letters relating to the penny post received in 1838-39 by Sir Henry Cole and his Mercantile Committee on Postage was sold for £16,500 (estimate £8,000-£10,000).

A letter penned by Oscar Wilde from his deathbed (hitherto unpublished) to Frank Harris secured a bid of £2,780 (estimate £1,000-£1,200).

I wanted money to save my life — which was at stake — you induce me to trust you, 1 sign away my play, and you give me a paltry £25 ... and you give me a paltry £25 ... and you caimly let me go to utter ruin. I ask you to send by return the £125 that you owe me." Wilde had sold Harris the rights of Mr and Mrs Daventry rights of Mr and Mrs Daventry for £175 to pay for a series of

for £175 to pay for a series of operations.

Two outstanding prices were achieved at the toy sale held vesterday at Christie's South Kensington, A tinplate model car, a Bing 1902 "Phaeton", 13/in long sold for £3,006 (estimate £900£1,200) to John Haley, a Yorkshire toy dealer.

A pack of cards fetched £2,000 (estimate £1,000£1,500). It was a Tuttall pack of mathematical cards dating from about £700, complete and in good condition. Each card depicts a trade using mathematical instruments and other tools made by Thomas Tuttell and the king of clubs incorporates Tuttell's trade tard.

Prices proved very buoyant in

Intell and the king of cluos incorporates Tuttell's trade tard. Prices proved very buoyant in a sale of silver and virtu at Sotheby's Belgravia (6 per cent unsold). A vast 'mid-nineteenth-century set of King's Husk patter table silver (58602) went to Koopman at £11,000 (estimate £6,000-£8,000). A pair of fanciful salt cellars made by Garrard's in 1857 to a design of putti steering shellshaped boats supported on the backs of dolphins (5702) provided a surprise at £4,400 (estimate £1,000-£1,509). Christie's sale of Old Masters contained a highly decorative painting of a bull fight in the Piazza San Marco, Venice, which had belonged to several successive members of the Agnew family when attributed to Canaletto. Downgraded to "School of Canaletto" by the art historian, W. G. Coustable, it was sold yesterday as "attributed to Giovanni Battista Cimaroli" for £27,500 (estimate £4,000-£6,000). Heriot-Watt
The following will have honorary
degrees conferred upon them in
July and November:
DSc: Professor Ian Naismith Sneddon;
Sir Peter Baxenden and Mr Duncan
McDonain Dilitis Sir Ian Morrow, Mr
Ralph Ersking and Mr James Mitne.

£27,500 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

#### £100,000 aid for

Zoya Fyodorova, the Rus- learn for many years that the Zoya Fyodorova, the Russian actress, has died in actress had given birth to a Moscow in circumstances that are not exactly clear. Her death was announced in a Moscow newspaper which did not give precise details as to how she died though a friend alleged that she had been shot.

Her death recalls a romantic episode in which she was one of the principals. During the Second World War she and an American paval mother was also allowed to

and an American inval mother was also allowed to officer, Rear-Admiral Jack visit her daughter. It was not son Tate, then serving in made public whether she and Moscow, met and fell in love. the admiral met. He died He was large expelled from after a long illness in 1978 at the Soviet Union and did not the age of 79.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

### **OBITUARY**

#### SIR STIRRAT JOHNSON-MARSHALL

Pioneer in the design of prefabricated schools

Sir Stirrat Johnson-Mar-shall CBE FRIBA, who died in his Bristol office on other education authorities, December 16 at the age of 69, and he made the Ministry an was a distinguished represent influential centre of research the Second World War.

It is true that in the latter part of his career Johnson-Marshall was one of the senior partners in a private architectural firm responsible for many important projects, yet his real contribution to architectura to the contribution to architectura to arc bution to architecture was mide in the years before this, when he was successively deputy county architect of Herifordshire and chief ar-chitect at the Ministry of Education. He joined Hertfordshire in

1945 after serving throughour the Second Werld War in the Royal Engineers. Under the leadership of C. H. Aslin, the county architect, and with the support of a farsighted education officer and a number of eaterprising industrialists, Hertfordshire became the pioneer in the design and production of prefabricated school buildings, evolving as efficient prefabricated school buildings, evolving an efficient and elegant type of structure adaptable to different sites and requiring a minimum of skilled labour. The county was thereby able to answer the post-war call for great numbers of new schools with a rapidity that traditional building methods could not have achieved. Fohmsonhave achieved. Johnson-Marshall was the driving-force behind this pro-gramme, which brought the Hertfordshire schools world-

tative of the new type of and innovation concerning architect; that emerged after the relation of school buildings to educational methods. the Second World War.

This was a type which specialized in management and the harnessing of new technical resources rather than in design in the traditional aesthetic sense, and which practised architecture as a public service rather than as a private profession. It is true that in the latter part of his career Johnson-Marshall was one of the senior partners in a private architectural firm responsible for many important afterwards a consistently afterwards a consistently high standard of design as well as efficiency. Among the firm's commissions with which Johnson-Marshall was personally most concerned were the University of York, employing one of the pre-fabricated structural systems he had helped to evolve at the Ministry, and the University of Bath.

Stirrat Andrew William Johnson-Marshall was born in 1912 and trained as an architect at Liverpool University. He qualified as ARIBA in 1936. In 1954, while at the Ministry of Education, he was made CBE. He was knighted in 1971. He served for several years on the council of the RIBA and was a vice-president in 1964-65.
He retired from the Matthew,
Johnson-Marshall firm in
1978 and went to live in the 1978 and went to the in the west Country, continuing however to conduct a local practice since architecture had been his whole life and he had neither the tempera-ment nor the breadth of interests to enable him to settle down into an existence cut off from the profession to which he had contributed

wide fame. so much. in 1948 Johnson-Marshall in 1937 Johnson-Marshall was brought into the Minis-married Joan Mary Brig-try of Education as chief house by whom he had two architect. His role there was sons and one daughter.

#### PROFESSOR C. H. WILLIAMS

published

The Principal of King's William Tyndale were both College, London, writes: published.

Professor Charles Harold Professor Williams will re-Williams who died on main outstanding in the December 8 was a powerful influence both in the University known him here, his kindlisity of London as a whole and in King's College where he was Professor of History from 1934 and Assistant Principal from 1945 until his retirement in 1967.

Born in 1895, his undergraduate career at Cambridge was interrupted by war service in France where he was wounded. After completpart of a very notable school of the ex-service men of two of Tudor historians inspired wars: equally, his celebrated by A. F. Pollard. He con Wednesday morning lectures timed to produce major provided for generations of studies in English fifteenth Freshmen an introduction at and stateenth century history once graceful and stimulat-after his retirement when his ing to the ambience of formidable collection in the scholarship.

after his redrement when his ing to the ambience of formidable collection in the scholarship.

English Historical Documents He leaves a widow, Clare, series and his study of and two children.

Professor Williams will remain outstanding in the memories of those who have known him here, his kindliness and his remarkable ability to keep Time at bay. Whether as teacher, supervisor or guide in the fields of XVth and XVI century historiography, as Dean of Arts or as Assistant Principal, an endless, succession of stuendless succession of stu-dents and colleagues have found him unfailingly kind, courteous, wise and helpful. ing his degree he was: His earlier prowess on the appointed an Assistant Rugby field and his army Lecturer at University experiences in 1914-18 gained Lecturer at University experiences in 1914-10 games College. He quickly became him the respect and affection

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#### LORD STRATHEDEN AND CAMPBELL

Lord Stratheden and Camp in Scotland for many years bell, CBE, died on December, after his retirement from the 42 at the age of 82. Army. He was Convener of

and he succeeded as fourth baron in 1918 on the death of his grandfather.

He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst and joined the Coldstream Guards in 1919. Deputy Lieutenant for Roxburgh in 1931 to 1934. In the Second World War he was wounded and mentioned in despatches and from 1941 to 1944 commanded, as a heutenant-colonel, the 5th Battalion of the Coldstream. After the war be commanded the 32nd Guards Brigade and the 4th Infantry Brigade.

Hill Farming Research Organisation. He had also been Chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland. He was appointed a burgh in 1946 and was Vice-Lieutenant from 1942 to 1975. Edinburgh University condensation of the Coldstream. He was made CBE in 1944. He married in 1923, Jean, only daughter of Colonel W. Anistruther-Gray. They had three daughters. She died in 1956 and he married secondly

12 at the age of 82.

The second son of the Hon Roxburgh County Council from 1960 to 1968 and for two the Hon Alice Susan Hamilton, daughter of the 1st Baron Hamilton of Dalzell he was born on November 21, he was chairman of the 1899. Both his father and his elder brother were killed in action in the First World War and he succeeded as fourth baron in 1918 on the death of his grandfather.

He was educated at Eton Buildings Council for Scot-

the 4th Infantry Brigade. 1956 and he married secondly He was active in public life in 1964 Mrs Noël Vincent.

#### **ZOYA FYODOROVA**

#### BRIGADIER C. G. ROBINS

before tax paid:

Bezzley, Mr Harold Derek, of Heswell, Merseyside 1287,594
Brewis, Mr Errington, of Cuck-field, west Sussex 1223,423
Breunt, Mr Lan Michael, of Toddington, Mindleser, company director 203,126
May, Mr George Gilbert Charles
Blount, of Basingstoke 1292,215
Sutherland, Mr Douglas Lennox Watson, of Wokingham, Berk-May Macdonia and in the Scored Succession of Wokingham, Berk-May Watson, o

Brigadier C. G. Robins; regiment in Norway and CBE, died on December 2 at Iceland.

the age of 83.

He served in the E. Africa

the First world war with the Lancaster Sir Thomas Ellis, Chief Regiment in Salonika and Justice of the High Court in Dacca, 1953-54, died on December 12 at the age of 87.



How Laker hit an air-pocket,

Christmas cheer on two fronts

## BSC to stay open for holiday

Industrial Editor

British Steel Corporation is to maintain virtually uninter-rupted production runs at its main plants over. Christmas and New Year, with resultant cost savings of tens of millions of nounds.

of pounds.

Last year, against the background of depressed demand, British Steel closed down for two full weeks, but with order books much healthier and efficiency throughout the corporation at much higher levels, works will close for only 36 hours, with closures staggered over one week. The only exception will be works in the Sheffield area producing steel in electric arc furnaces which will close for a full week over the Christmas period. the Christmas period.

Increased demand comes from customers placing con-tracts with the steel corpora-tion in advance of the 121 per cent price increases being implemented at the beginning of next year by European steel-makers as part of the EEC Commission-promoted plan to restore the industry to profit-

In recent weeks, production levels have risen sharply and last month average weekly production was more than 335,000 tonnes. Some operations have moved

back into profit, including tubes and sections, and Mr Ian MacGregor, BSC chairman, earlier this month announced Britain's manufacturers are planning to cur their business investment in 1982, for the third consecutive year. But the drop in investment in new buildings, vehicles, plant and machinery is ending. Next year, the decline will be much smaller than in either 1980 or 1981, when capital spending by manufacturers experienced the biggest two-year slump for. that half year losses had been held down to £196m.

Further efforts are being made to reduce overheads and shed jobs with a target of a shed jobs with a target of a total labour force of 92,400 by March 1983, two thirds of whom will be engaged in the heavy steel sector.

### **METRO IN** CONTINENT

BL's Longbridge car plant, closed for most of last month by the "tea break" strike, is working flar out to meet an in demand from Europe for the Metro.

It is proving particularly popular in Italy, the home of the small car. Yesterday, Signor of BL Italia, revealed that since the Metro was launched there six months ago it has been largely responsible for a 73 per cent increase in BL sales, from 16,182 last year to 28,000 this year. Metro sales alone are rusning at 1,500 a month.

Signor Mia said the upsurge this year in BL's Italian forrunes represented a six-fold increase in sales since BL Italjan, the marketing company. was formed six years ago after the sale of Innocent, BL's Italian manufacturing plant. He said the European launch

early next year of the Triumph Acclaim and other improved models would continue this BL sells the Metro in Italy,

Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and France.

#### Stock Markets FT Index 518.7 down 1.9 FT Gilts 62.56 down 0.15 FT All Share 308.90 up 0.11 Bargains 13,669

Sterling 1.8870 down 5 pts

Iudex 107.3 up 0.1

#### PRICE CHANGES

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5p to 135p
12p to 503p
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7p to 169p
5p to 453p
5p to 136p
20p to 370p
4p to 404p
10p to 310p
21p to 59p

Index 90.1 down 0.1 New York: \$1.8840 🗷 Dollar DM 2.2757 down 23 pts

leaders that relations between the United States and Europe are at a low ebb which could poison political and commercial relations in coming mouths, (Bailey Morris writes from Washington). He expressed little hope that Americans and Europeans would be able to resolve their mounting able to resolve their mounting Mr Hormats, who has handled trade negotiations for the past three American Administrations, said changes in attitudes and leaders were threatening the Western Alli-3 mth Euro \$ 13.2-13.1 6 mth Euro \$14/2-14/2 ance as never before.

# Elliott fights p to 44ip p to 492p o to 207p o to 115p o to 15p o to 35ip p to 124p p to 124p p to 668p p to 668p o to 420p o to 420p o to 168p Jenks bid

Efficit Group of Peter-borough is attempting to turn the tables on Jenks and Cartell which is making a £6.8m contested takeover bid-Instead of telling its own shareholders to reject the entire Jenks package. Elliott has been urging Jenks's shareholders to vote against the deal at a special meeting due after through with the bid without the backing of its own share-

Mr Ian Hay Davison, the managing partner of Arthur. Andersen, the City chartered accountants, is to be the new chairman of the Accounting Standards Committee. He will be precised from take up his position from July 1982

CEI director general, said. Sluggish economic growth of about 1 per cent next year would not be enough to allow industry to take advantage of the considerable improvement industry had made in its Business Diary, page 17 | ability to compete.

## Bank stays cautious as recovery begins

Money markets may face problems

cautious about the prospects for a strong recovery. In its Quarterly Bulletin the Bank gives a warning that growth will depend largely on an improvement in competitiveness, which in turn will need continued growth in productivity. The Bank sees no hope of any sharp reduction in unemployment in the near future. There is also a warning that the money markets face difficulties in the next few months which could be even worse than in the early months of 1981.

Further investment:

per cent. This would give total capital spending of about 4 per cent both this year and 18,000m in 1982 cash prices. Provisional estimates indicate a fall for the current year of rise of about 5 per cent is ten17 per cent in real terms (13 fatively expected in 1983.

decline forecast

This will present the authorities with a choice between letting interest rates rise or pumping liquidity into the system, thus making it harder to meet the Government's monetary targets. The Bank says that its new system of monetary control will make it easier for it to handle this problem.

The bulletin is more optimistic in tone than previous state-

Britain's manufacturers are

gest two-year slump for decades.

According to the latest survey of investment carried

our by the Department of In-dustry, there will be some recovery in manufacturers' capital spending during 1982 and an "appreciable increase" during 1983. The survey, which

covered manufacturers account-

ing for a third of all such spending, suggests that it will

drop by between 1 and 6 per cent in 1982 in real terms (after

allowing for higher prices). This, however, excludes assers leased to manufacturers. If

leased assets are included, the fall seems likely to be about 1

The Bank of England today quarter suggests recovery has themselves with ever larger says that the worst of the begun.

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The Bank of England today quarter suggests recovery has themselves with ever larger debts. But final demand, both from investment and consumer spending is likely to be weak. The main force behind recovery so far is the slowing down of destocking, which has been going on throughout the year.

going on throughour the year.

The bulletin says that there is bound to be a setback in the fight against inflation as the effects of sterling's slide work through. However, it agrees with the Treasury that inflation at the end of next year will be around 10 per cent.

Hopes for better performance on inflation and output ance on initiation and output rest heavily on pay moderation and rising productivity combin-ing to keep down costs. On productivity, the Bank remains unsure whether the gains which have been registered this year are just a temporary phenomenon or not.

On the monetary front, there is clear messe about the pace problem.

The bulletin is more optimistic in tone than previous statements, which have said that the economy flattened out in the summer. Now it says that the rise in output in the third people will not want to saddle

Lending to businesses is likely to be affected by the drain on companies finances as the effects of the Civil Service strike unwind. This will mean that companies liquidity positions are likely to get worse after the respite of the summer.

Private bank lending, not government borrowing, is thought to be the main driving force behind the growth in the money supply, which officials do not expect to be brought back within the 7 to 11 per cent target range set by the Govern-

ment.

There may be some heater tion in economic recovery around the middle of next year, according to the Central Statistical Office. Its cyclical indicators published yesterday confirmed that the economy probably reached turning point in the second quarter. The longer leading indicator, which forecasts the economy about a year in advance, rose in November for the first time since May. This suggests that after flickering in the summer, expansion may speed up at the end of next year.

#### INCREASE IN BANK **LENDING** By John Whitmore

Bank lending to the private sector jumped by £2,577m in the banking mouth to mid-November, an even larger jump than the £2,200m in July last year after the removal of the banking "corset".

sector took up £1,354m of public sector debt, including £1,212m of gilt-edged stock. 'As well as its large sterling

CULTENCY. Part of the increase in bank lending can be put down to the financing of payments of back tax due to the Exchequer. But bank mortgage lending

## MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT

But with the public sector acting as a negative influence on domestic credit, and external influences proving contactionary, the rise in sterling M3, the broad-based definition of banking money, was held to £368m, or 0.5 per cent.

horrowing, the private sector also borrowed £540m in foreign

also expanded and some com-panies appear to be borrowing more as output recovers.

### £1,200m exports to Nigeria at risk

per cent if leased assets are included), after a drop of some

capital spending by the distri-

butive and service industries

will continue to be much more

buoyant than in manufacturing.

spending to record levels. It is

Despite the recession, distributive and service industries continue to boost their capital

By Baron Phillips

British exports worth more than £1,200m are at risk after a budget speech by Mr Shehu Shagari, the Nigerian president, in Lagos on Wednesday aimed at hadring the country's decline in official reserves.

Few details of the speech prescribes after the have reached either the Department of Trade or the Nigerian High Commission. A spokesman from the

**US** trade

fears grow

Mr Robert Hormats, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Busi-

ness Affairs who has just re-turned from trade talks in Brussels, has told business leaders that relations between

Department of Trade said last night that moves to curb imports could be the result of the downtmn in Nigeria's oil

According to early news agency reports, President Shagari is anxious to reduce foreign currency outflows and combat amuggling, which

try's import bill. The president increase its borrowings ebroad next year by 30 per cent to Naira 2,050m (£1,700m). Britain is the biggest

President exporter to Nigeria and stands to lose most from en imports curb. In 1980 about 22 per cent of the country's non-oil

> when it is thought there were when he is mought here were two persistent buyers about. Mr Gordon Chandler, Henlys chairman, said: We are con-sidering asking for an inquiry.

There have been a lot of leaks and it appears someone got in on the act and our again with a substantial profit. We shall decide with our advisers."

It is still a mystery who was behind the buying. The harker was suggesting everyone from British Car Auctions to Mr David Abele of Surer Electricals which recently built a

contact with anyone who would be interested.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Henlys inquiry likely

A Stock Exchange inquiry ing up on Wednesday after-into the dealings of shares in months of languishing. They Henlys, the BL car distributor, spurted 14p to 95p last night is almost certain after yester-day's dawn raid on the com-pany by Sternberg. Thomas Clarke, the stockbrokers. The brokers amounced in the market at 9.30 am that they were prepared to buy two million Henlys shares (14.4 per cent) at 125p. The company-issued a statement almost imissued a statement almost immediately telling shareholders to do nothing and that assets (at 250p a share) were well above the price offered. The shares then jumped to 132p but came back sharply to

close at 124p when Sternberg stake in the Appleyard group withdrew their offer. They are of car distributors. believed to have control of Mr Chandler said. I am about 500,000 shares, half of assured that the Bank of which came from British Car Scotland (with 25.5 per cent) Auctions, sirhough they de-clined to comment last night. Healys shares started mov-CBI against

Confederation of British Industry leaders last night told Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that indus-

trial competitiveness was more

mportant than cuts in income

ax. They urged him to favour

Tax cuts would result in a consumer-led boom which consumer-led boom which would be the wrong road to take, Sir Terence Beckett, the

in · next spring's

tax cuts

industry

Budget.

17 North Sea oil discoveries

are nor sellers. I have

Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State at the Bepartment of Energy said vesterday that 17 North Sea oil discoveries had been made in the last three years and more were to be announced by oil companies. Giving evidence to the Con-mons Select Committee on Energy, he denied that North Sea oil taxation had hampered exploration work, and was an element of oil depletion policy,

☐ World coffee production in 1981-82 should reach a record 96.9 million bags, a 15 per cent increase on last season, the United States agriculture department said.

#### Kissin talks continue

ACC so dear, it would, with-

out doubt, have had a happy ending in which the 74-year-

old cigar-chewing former tap

dancer walked off into the

Other analysts of the tur-

moils within the ACC empire

regarded this view as the sort of thing which ought to stay

in the company's film plots. They point to the continuing

divisions on the ACC board about recent losses and the departure of Mr Jack Gill,

managing director, and expect that Lord Grade's often-voiced

proxe unrealistic

Looking forward to his 75th birthday on Christmas Day, Lord Grade joined Mt Holmes a Court vestal day to talk about

a court yesteracy to tank about the role, he will play and announce that two others, Mr Detek Williams group treasurer, and Mr Tony Lucas, group secretary, are also to be appointed to the ACC board.

Mr Holmes a'Court said he

had decided to take a stake in ACC because, while the company had been through difficult times, it had good medium

to long term prospects.

Anemors to peach up the dif-ferences between Lord Kissin and Mr. Edmund Dell appear to have delayed Kissin sup-portres partial after for the

Contrary to expectations that the bid would be launched yesterday, talks cominued be-tween Hambros, advising Lord Kissin, and Morgan Grenfell Guinness Pear's merchant bankung advisers. 🗬 The Bank of England has been acting as more than an interested observer because of

is concern over the future of oness Mahon, one of the Mr Delt has been fighting a Mr Dels has been menting a todgh retriguerd battle to pre-vent Lord, Kissin making a partial offer but it seems that all the talks over the past week have been simed at avoiding a public dispute.

#### Steel fines appear.

Kilockner-Werke, the Ger-man steel company, has lodged an appeal with the European Court of Justice con-testing a fine of about £1.25m imposed last month by the EEC Commission for exceed-ing its steel production quota in the first quarter of 1981.

#### .TODAY.

Retail prices index, tax and prices index, and usable steel production (all November). Sales and orders in the engineering industries

Company results: ERP, Davenports Brewery, Reliant Motors, United Scientific (all half-yearly).



## Stepping into the ACC limelight

He now owns 51 per cent of

The City was in two mines
yesterday over whether the
elevation of Mr Robert Holmes
a Court to the board of Lord
Grade's croubled, Associated
Communications, Corporation
The level of Mr Holmes
amounted to the timely arrival
of the Thirteed States Cavalry or offer him a sear on the of the United States Cavalry to offer him a sear on the or a telling late debut appearance by Sitting Bull. three per cent of the total. "I have learnt a great deal from him", Lord Grade said. Were the encounter to have taken place in one of the

feature films which have cost because I am relaxed, I really am learning a great deal from "You take a knock and you learn from it to try to put into action as quickly as possible the steps that will prevent these knocks from happening

subset with the aristocratic and elusive businessmen from "I am hoping the world will forget about Raise The Titanic This was the script outline being offered by Mr Holmes (the company's biggest feature film loss) and those so-called flops and will mention the successes", Lord Grade added. Court yesterday who, in a

"I am certainly not looking for a jeb, I can promise you I am not on the market", he ere put on the market.

telks with Trafalgar House about the purchase of Express Newspapers. But Mr Holmes a Court would not rule out the

possibility of buying a national newspaper in Britain. newspaper in Britain.

He arrived in Australia in 1962 at the age of 24, and is now reputed to be one of the country's richest men. Born into an English family in South Africa, he studied agriculture in New Zealand before doing law at the University of West.

"He can't say it bur I can

With large payments of back-tax falling during the banking month, which covered the four weeks to November 18, the central Government made a surplus of \$1.05m \text{ Interview}, was not a pains successes, Lord Grade added.

Mr Holmes a Court, who says he will be a non-executive been largely in the hands of director, has been buying ACC than the non-bank private of issue. United Kingdom companies. He put in a bid to buy The Times, when the paper, The Sunday Times and the supplements

He made an unsuccessful bid for Rolls-Royce, and yesterday denied a report from Australia that he had been involved in

law at the University of West-ern Australia. The first sighs of entrepreneurial enterprise appeared when he founded a university flying club and persuaded Sir Reginald Ansert, the airline chief to become its parron. Years later he made a bid for Ansert, alvient interpretable for the control of the control

Ansert Airlines itself, letting it drop, for a 56m profit, to go to Mr Rupert Murdoch.

I Mr Cyril Stein and Mr Robert Maxwell were named last night as shareholders in the new Central Independent Television company which replaces ATV but where ACC owns 51 per cent, Philip Robinson writes.

The Independent Broadcast Authority has approved the Ladbroke Group headed by Mr Stein, holding 10 per cent and Pergamon Press and British Printing Corporation where Mr Maxwell is chair man, holding 8 per cent

Largest shareholder with 15 per cent is D. C. Thomson. Others include the Prudential Assurance Company with 5 per cent, Legal & General, and British Rail pension fund with 2 per cent each. The balance is held by 1,000 small investors in the Mid-lands including more than 200

members of Central's staff.

### Trident to pay £14.6m for Playboy empire

By Philip Robinson
Trident Telovision yesterday, signed the deal for Playboy casinos and betting shops at a price £2.4m cheaper than originally announced. But the deal will mean the almost certain departure of Admiral Sir John Treacher, brought in by Playboy to replace the flamboyant Air Victor Lownes to head the London casino operation. Sir John will leave with a golden handshake of as much as £400,000.

with a golden handshake of as much as £400,000.

Trident will pay £14.6m for the Playboy Club, the Clermont, the Victoria, two provincial casinos, half shares in two others and \$1 betting shops. It has taken on the appeal against the withdrawad of gaming licences at the Playappear against the withdrawal of gaming licences at the Playboy and Clermont and will also defend the Victoria at a renewal hearing.

It has already sought Gaming Board certificates of consent needed to apply for new licences should the appeals be unsucressful.

new freeness should the appeals be unsucressful.
Playboy is taking back to the United States about £27m. This includes the Trident sale price and cash in the Playboy accounts which is being paid to them as dividends and which caused a four-day delay over the signing of the agree. over the signing of the agree-ment. Trident shareholders will be asked to approve the deal at a meeting on January S.

#### ICL LOAN: **COMES** UNDER FIRE By Bill Johnstone

The Government has been criticized for providing ICL, the British computer company, with a £200m loan guarantee completely free of charge in a completely free of charge in a report by the House of Committee of Public Accounts published yesterday. However, the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency said in evidence submitted to the committee that had the company not survived, it would have cost the Government £150m to £250m for the conversion and reprogramming of ICL equipment. of ICL equipment.

The agency is the Civil Service department responsible

r advising the Governmen The accounts committee says that the Department of Industry should review its policy on such loans and that it should consider some form of charge, possibly in the form of a deferred payment which could be reduced if the com-pany was able to dispense with all or part of the loan guarantee.

ICL reported a net loss for the last financial year of £133.1m carlier this week

# Murray Clydesdale Investment Trust Limited

Results for the year ended 30th September, 1981

	1981 1980
Equity shareholders' interest	£76,912,272 £69,897,248
Asset value per share	86.0p. 78.1p
Revenue available for ordinary shareholders	£1,554,655 £1,530,308
Earnings per ordinary share	1.77p 1.75p
Ordinary dividends per share	1.7325p 1.65p
Capitalisation issue in B ordinary shares	2.01585% 2.11173%

Geographical distribution of investments at 30th September

UK North America Japan/Far East	38.29 % 35.60 % 17.08 %	39.80% 32.89% 12.75%	Europe Brazil South Africa	1981 2.91 % 0.43 %	1980 2.78% 0.72% 1.06%
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Bonds	94.31 % 5.69 %	90.00% 10.00%

Investment Policy

The primary aim of policy in this company is to obtain growth in net asset. value, involving a higher proportion of lower yielding stocks and, when appropriate, a higher level of gearing. It is also intended that there should be increased investment in unlisted securities, particularly in the electronic and

Approximately £3.2m was invested in UK equities during the year, primarily in unlisted high technology stocks. This investment was funded by a reduction of £1,7m in fixed interest investment, the sale of the South African gold shares and 20.9m from additional borrowings. The stake in Japan was increased by £2.0m at the expense of other Far Eastern markets, principally Hong Kong.

Copies of the report may be obtained from the Secretary. Murray Clydesdale Investment Trust Ltd., 163 Hope St., Glasgow G2 2UH. An Investment Trust managed by Murray Johnstone Limited.



## **Industry chiefs** seek priority for UK suppliers

Kingdom suppliers more of aimed at a similar level of the estimated £50,000m of purchases made annually by central and local government, state industries and large

Although industrialists for public particles insist that the campaign is not a naked "Buy British" ment departments and local molicy regardless of terms, they believe that more positive purchasing policies could provide a significant boost to the economy.

Sir Raymond Pennock of Industry.

Persident of the Confeder ation of British Industry has yesterday, the powerful published to trade associations. appealed to trade associations to urge their members to give lic Accounts said that the

to urge their members to give to urge their members to give priority to domestic suppliers.

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board is among state industry chairmen urging greater awareness of the issue. The coal board spends about £1,000m. Third report from the Compercies with more than 97 per cent going to British iic Accounts said that the application of the policy, including the use of considerable skill and judgment by purchasing and judgment by purchasing officers.

Third report from the Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons Paper 29, HMSO £2.45.

Renewed efforts are being companies. The CBI believes made by leading industrial that if other substantial ists to direct to United public sector purchasers.

introduced new guidelines industrialists for public purchasing aimed

#### 30 training centres to. be named

By Bill Johnstone

The locations of 30 Information Technology Centres to be set up for the training of the young unemployed are to be announced by the Government on Monday.

Also to be announced are the names of several hundred British companies which will be involved in either providing finance or technical support for the centres, where trai-nees will learn electronics. computer programming and related skills. Among them will be IBM, ICL, Ferranti, Marconi, Northern Engineering Industries, Cable & Wire-less, and GEC.

Most of the centres are

expected to be completed and fully operational by the end of next year — which has already been designated Information

been designated Information
Technology Year.
The centres will be in
Strathclyde and Dundee,
Flint, Portsmouth, London
(Camden, Hackney, Haringey,
Brixton, Southwark), Bristol
(two locations), Birmingham,
Coventry, Leicester, Walsall,
Telford, Liverpool (five locations), Manchester (Moss
Side plus one other), Salford,
Warrington, Leeds, Sheffield,
Newcastle, Sunderland, and Newcastle, Sunderland, and Gateshead.

#### £300m to revive West of Scotland

Details of a £300m plan for the improvement of living clyde's £1,300m annual budthe economic regeneration of conditions ever undertaken get for education, training, the West of Scotland were by a local authority in transport and infrastructure revealed in Glasgow yester.

Britian."

rest.
Councillor Dick Stewart, Glasgow; Saltcoats; Govanleader of Strathclyde Regional Council said "This is ton; and Glasgow city centre.
the biggest single initiative for the creation of jobs and given priority in Strath-

About £200m will come from the Scottish Development Agency. Strathclyde These are Alexandria; Rendistrict councils will give the These are Alexandria; Rendistrict councils will give the Wishaw/Bellshill; Coatbridge: Wishaw/Bellshill; Coatbridge: The second of the seco The plan covers 12 areas

Coucillor Charles Gray, deputy leader of the council, said that these areas were chosen partly for the number of small companies located in them which could be helped

#### Peter Hill explores the controversial Lawson Bill

## North Sea Sale of the Century

for Energy, and his officials, cannot be accused of moving at a small's pace. It is two months, almost to the day, since his initial announcement that the Government was to take powers to sell off the oil production interests of the British National Oil Corporation, the offshore oil activities of the British Gas Corporation and to break the corporation's, gas purchasing monopoly. Yesterday brought the detailed and lengthy Bill which has already attracted a storm of protest from the TIC and the Opposition and which is TUC and the Opposition and which is promised an equally stormy passage through Parliament.

Apart from fundamentally altering the ownership of a not insignificant part of the nation's offshore oil assets, the Energy Secretary is seeking greater powers of direction over

British Gas.

The Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Bill, which the Government hopes will complete its parliamentary passage by next autumn was described by Mr. Lawson yesterday as: "the biggest privatisation exercise ever introduced by any British Government." And he claimed it would also give a big boost to the development of Britain's natural gas resources. "It represents a major commitment to reducing the role of the State and replacing monopoly by. competition in the interests of enterprize, efficiency and initiative."

rize, efficiency and initiative."

Its provisions fall into four main sections embracing the disposal of BNOC's offshore production interests—although the Government will retain a 49 per cent stake—while leaving the corporation's oil trading activities unchanged. This is to safeguard the national interests, since BNOC will continue to handle 51 per cent of all oil production from the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea through participation agreements with other oil companies.

BNOC will form a Scottish registered shoc will form a Scottish registered company Britoil, a name given four years ago to a BNOC-established. American-registered company as part of a deal to finance development of its

North Sea interests.

Market conditions permitting, the majority of shares in Britoil will be offered by the end of next year. The Bill requires BNOC to make arrangements for employee share schemes in

Engineer at work aboard a North Sea gas production platform

company, which ar still to be published, will be structured to safeguard against unacceptable changes in control. As a result of the planned disposals, the financial structure of BNOC will be recast and will include severing of links with the National Oil Account which is to be abolished.

Similarly British Gas will be required to establish subsidiary companies, with employee share schemes for those companies. It will be obliged to dispose of the companies — principally the oil interests — although the timing of those disposels has the those disposels. those disposals has yet to be deter-On the crucial and controversial issue

of removing the gas corporation's

special purchasing rights, the Bill will repeal section 8 of the 1976 Energy Act and two new sections will be intro-duced to the 1972 Gas Act whose broad

more than 1 million therms annually, estimated to account for between one third and a half of all commercial customers, who will be free to buy from the supplier of their choice.

The bulk of domestic consumers taking less then 25,000 therms where British. Gas. will continue as sole

supplier.

I Private companies falling between the two other groups of users who will be free to choose their supplier but only with consent of the Energy

Secretary.
That approval will be conditional on safety arrangements being satisfactory and those measures fulfilling the Government's pledge to remove the gas corporation's statutory obligation to stipply gas on request. The Bill also provides for appropriate changes in safety legislation and measures to

ensure gas quality.

Under the Bill's other provisions private suppliers of gas will be given access to the Corporation's pipelines and Mr Lawson is seeking powers which will enable him to direct British Gas to increase capacity of pipelines to accommodate the private sector.

In cases where companies are unable to agree terms on the conveyance of their supplies by the corporation, they can appeal to the Enrgy Secretary to

British Gas will also be required to give advance warning to the Secretary of State when it intends to build new high pressure pipelines. The Government is still treading water over its plans to sell off the gas corporation's showrooms, although the

Bill contains the necessary powers.

That move, however remains suspended since the Government's wishes

— horly contested by British Gas

cannot be accomplished until essential legislation governing safety standards is introduced. This is not expected until 1982-83.

Other provisions of the Bill will modify existing petroleum legislation. covering safety zones around offshore installations, and on safety regulations relating to offshore accommodation

effect will be to create three categories of gas consumer. These are:

I Industrial customers consuming

an industrialist who is ac-cused of illegally transfer-ring FF23m (£2m) worth of gold to a bank in Toronto and opening secret Swiss bank accounts in violation of currency regulations.

M Latecoere allegedly transferred the assets through Paribas, the French financial firm, after the Socialist election victory this

IN BRIEF

Warrant

for tycoon

A French judge has issued an international arrest war-rant for M Pierre Latecoere,

issued

spring. Paribas executives also have been charged in connection with a number of allegedly illegal transfers following the socialist victory.

New research group ☐ United States semiconductor makers are banding together to conduct joint research in advanced semiconductor technology. The move is seen as an attempt to lunt Japan's competivive dge in some areas of edge

US trade surplus up The United States registered a seasonally adjusted trade surplus of \$2,100m (£1,11im) in its balance of payments on the current account in the third quarter this year. This follows a revised surplus of \$1,140m in

MFA working text

A working text of a protocol to make the 52-nation Multi-Fibre Arrangement more restrictive has emerged after intense dis-cossions in Gernya.

Suzuki waiting

Suzuki, the Japanese ment approval of a plan of increase vehicle production in Pakistan in cooperation with the state-run automobile

Ports threat

Australian ports face a national shutdown from next week because of an industrial dispute.

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Contestigated Crds. 15 %

C. Hoare & Co .... \*141/2%

Lloyds Bank ...... 141/2%

Midland Bank .... 141/2%

Williams & Glyn's 141/2%

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# The Royal Bank of Scotland — Group Limited

HE profit for the year to 30th September 1981 has been achieved against a background of lower average interest rates and a higher volume of advances. The nins reneci a much dener second hall performance than anticipated earlier in the year, due to a number of factors including higher net interest earnings and commission and fee income, and a reduction in the charge for bad and

The range of customer services has been developed further during the year by both member banks. Growth in the domestic business of The Royal Bank of Scotland has been satisfactory, but the combination of depressed economic conditions and the continuing intensity of banking competition in Scotland has made it all the more difficult to obtain profitable new business. The enlargement of the branch network of Williams & Glyn's Bank has proceeded on schedule and the free banking arrangements introduced during the year for personal customers who remain in credit have been widely welcomed.

Against a background of general economic gloom it is hardly surprising that large numbers of basically sound businesses have had to struggle hard merely to keep going. In common with the other major banks in the United Kingdom, we in the Group are endeavouring to the best of our ability to assist in supporting those of our customers who are in temporary difficulties until not only their survival but a secure future is ensured. Evidence is now starting to accumulate that the decline has at least levelled off, with industrial output showing some signs of revival. But if we are to achieve any lasting benefit from this painful recession, we must realise the potential productivity gains which have been won at the cost of a high level of unemployment.

In Scotland what information is available suggests that the recession has been weathered with slightly less difficulty than the rest of the UK and there have been some areas of genuine improvement, particularly from the electronics industry. Oil and gas production from the North Sea is substantially above the levels of a year ago.

Among banking developments in the year the retrospective levy on banks' non-interest earning balances will cost the Group some £16 million. This tax establishes a dangerous precedent and reduces the amount of reserves we have available to support our customers in these difficult

Salient Figures	1981	1980
Profit before taxation	£107.9m	£102.5m
Profit atmbutable to ordinary shareholders	£78.3m	£73.5m
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	29.7p	30.7
Earnings per 25p ordinary share after exceptional item*	41.9p	30.71
Dividends per 25p ordinary share	5.4p	4.9
Total assets	£7,763m	£6,147n
*Exceptional item: £27.5m of the provisi	ion made in prev	ious years

for deferred taxation in respect of leased assets is not required and

has been credited in the profit and loss account.

### The Future of the Group

The future of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group remains: uncertain. The three month extension granted to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to complete their investigation into our proposed merger with Standard-Chartered Bank Limited and the proposed takeover by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has merely prolonged the uncertainty. Nevertheless, we welcome the obvious care which the Commission is showing in examining all the factors involved.

We have submitted to the Commission a detailed case explaining why we feel that a merger with Standard Chartered. would be in the UK public interest. Indeed, we consider that .. the benefits resulting from the creation of a major UK sterlingbased banking group -a new fifth force - operating under and supervised by our own monetary authorities would be a positive advantage to this country and to British banking.

As a result of the merger, the Royal Bank Group would be a true partner in a worldwide banking operation, enabling its Scottish banking subsidiary, The Royal Bank of Scotland, to compete on an equal footing with those non-Scottish banks. which have appeared in Scotland over recent years. The ' merger would not detract from the importance of Edinburgh as a financial centre, since control over all banking decisions affecting Scotland would remain with the Royal Bank at its Edinburgh headquarters. At the same time Williams & Glyn's Bank would be enabled to continue its exciting branch development programme south of the border. Customers of the Royal Bank Group would benefit from the increased range of services which the new group could offer and opportunities for staff would also be enhanced.

On the other hand, the board of the Royal Bank Group do not consider that such benefits would accrue if we were to be taken over by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which is based and controlled in a different environment on the other side of the world. If that should happen, it remains our belief that the most important strategic decisions affecting our Group would have to be taken in Hong Kong and not in the UK.

Throughout this long drawn out investigation, we have directed our efforts towards securing a result which will be to the ultimate benefit of all our shareholders, customers. and staff. It is impossible to foresee the outcome of the Commission's deliberations, but we await the announcement of the Government's conclusions so that the present uncertainties cease to affect the development of the business and activities of the two member banks of the Group. I am sure, too, that all our staff will welcome an end to the uncertainty, which even though it inevitably must have had a disruptive effect has not interfered with our satisfactory progress over the past year.

Whatever the outcome, we in the Royal Bank of Scotland Group look forward to the day when we can once again. without distraction, direct all our endeavours to serving the best interests of our shareholders, customers and staff.

Michael Herries, Chairman

Copies of the 1981 Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Limited, 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB.

The Royal Bank of SK WILLIAMS & GLYN'S Scotland Limited BANK LIMITED

## IBM breaks into

**Technology** by Clive Cookson:

IBM has burst spectacu- lation in the trade press — larly into the international denied indignantly by the battle to sell videotex, the British group — that Bundestechnology that brings compost preferred the software puterized information to offered by IBM.

In "Babbage" a language that works only on GEC computers. On January 1.

puter company snatched a £12m contract to equip the West German public viewdata service from the British of its naroware as consortium which is market- software worldwid in North America.

always with a T — when it is software company that broadcast over the airwaves helped the BBC develop using the "spare capacity" Ceefax, to market Prestel and present in normal TV Ceefax in North America. present in normal signals.)

experience in public service.

Nonetheless, Prestel executives are looking determinedly on the bright side: standard; the marketplace that the entry of IBM should boost the: progress of government regulation.

This year, Logica has sold as well as public — by adding Ceefax (known as Context in the context of the public to the rechalders. credibility to the technology.
IBM has hit the market as is about to take off. West

Germany is the first large country to award a competi-tive contract for a national viewdata system. Holland, ftaly, Austria and Switzer-land may follow soon; Prestel is being tried in all four countries.

Prestel was the world's

and IIV with Oracle pioneered the technology of teletext. Unfortunately pioneered the technology of French and British systems. teletest. Unfortunately — CEPT has now proposed to without wishing to sound too the FCC in Washington that a familiar a refrain - it looks world videotex standard be increasingly as though being drawn up to combine the first will not put Britain into in the international market-

CHAIRMAN OF

PANEL RETIRES

**Business Appointments** 

software worldwide, except

(To clear up the confusing ... The distinction .. between videotext - with or without a blurred in the United States. T — is the name for the where cable television is technology as a whole. It is likely to be an important called viewdata when the delivery system for videotex. information is transmitted by British Telecom has joined telephone line, and teletext—forces with Logica, the

was particularly galling for the Prestel consortium, which includes British Tele-com, GEC Computers and Aregon International (the software company), because its system has been on trial with the German Bundespost (Post Office) for the past two-years. The American rival is a new system with no experience in public service.

first public viewdata service, just as the BBC with Ceefax and ITV with Oracle

officially; the West interconversion required, but German order was lost if the price of microprocess-simply because IBM's bid ors continues to plunge it was slightly below Prestel's should become commercially But there has been specu- feasible.

#### viewdata market Base Lending

computers. On January 1, GEC formally takes charge of marketing the combination of its hardware and Prestel

The joint venture, called British Videotex and Teletext (BVT), is operating as a lobbying as well as a sales organization. Unfortunately, BVT failed to persuade the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to adopt the British standard for American teletext. But it did thwart the French who were lobbying for their rival standard. The FCC has gone

Ceefax (known as Context in the United States) to two American broadcasters. Field Electronic Publishing is already trying it out in Chicago, while Taft Broadcasting starts a trial with the television station it owns in Cincinnati on January 1. This year, 26 members of

This year, 25 members of the European Conference on Posts and Telecommunitations (CEPT) agreed on a European videotex standard that embraces the rival European and American-Canadian approaches,

It would not be cheap, because of the electronic

TSB ....

ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT TRUST

(Incorporated in this Republic of South Africa)

PREFERENCE DIVIDEDD NO. 54

Dividend No. 54 of three per cent for the six months endang December 31 1881, has been declared payable on February 15 -1882 to holders of the six per cent sumulative preference sheets registered in the books of the company at the close of business on December 31 1981.

The preference share transfer registers and registers of manager with be closed from January 1 1982 to January 15 1982, both days inclusive, and warrants will be transfer secretaries on or about february 12 1982. Registered preference shareholders paid from the United Kingdom currency equivalent on January 4 1982 of the rand value of their dividence (less appropriate taxes). Any such preference shareholders may however, elect to be paid for South African currency provided that the request is received at the offices of the company's transfer secre-taries on or before Date-puber 31 1881.

The effective rate of son-resident

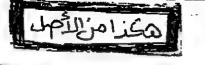
shareholders tax is 14.8492 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London effices of the company and at the offices of the company at transfer secretaries. Consolidated Share Registrars Limited, 52. Marshall Street, Johannesburg, 2001 and Charler Consolidated P.L.C., Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TM24 SEQ.

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	Lord Cross of Cheisea has	1960/81 Gross YI Gross YI Gross YI	P/E Id Actual Taxes			
	Lord Cross of Chelsea has retired from the charmanship of the Appeal Committee of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers. The Governor of the Bank of England has approved the appointment of Sir Henry Fisher, president of Walfson College, Oxford, and formerly a judge of the High Court of Justice; Queen's Bench Division, to take Lord Cross's place.  Mr P. N. M. Rudder has been appointed a director of The British Electric Traction Company.  Mr. Anthony Eastwood has been appointed a proposed proposed in the Pollard.  Mr H. M. P. Miles is to become deputy chairman of Hong Kong	117 100 ABI Hidgs 10% CULS 117 — 10.0 8 76 39 Airspreng Group	Actual Takes  1.5  1.1  1.0.5  1.4.5  1.0  3.6  8.1  1.0  9.5  11.5  2.7  1.1  2.6  2.8  2.1  3.7  2.1  3.7  3.7  3.7  3.7  3.7  3.7  3.7  3			
	Aircraft Engineering Company and Mr D. A. Gledhill is to become a director of the company.	103 77 Walter Alexander 77 - 6.4 8	.4 5.7 9.7 1.3 5.1 9.0 1.2 -4.0 8.2			



### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## The monetary tightrope

The lafest Bank of England Quarterly downward — the second year running Bulletin, together with the full hovember money supply figures, only serve to emphasise that the authorities will be walking a monetary tightrope through the rest of the winter. The disposing of any of its BP shareholding, the private of the winter. will be walking a monetary tightrope through the rest of the winter. The increase in bank lending to the private sector of over £2,500m in banking November may well prove exceptional. Indeed, the authorities' belief is that the recent surge in personal sector credit demand is unsustainable and that the short term adverse effects of higher interest rates on the monetary aggregates (raising the amount of interest added to accounts) will soon be followed by some contraction in overall credit demand.

#### MONETARY GROWTH

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Last 12 months 10.7 14.9 21.4 12.3
Annual rate since Feb. 9.8 17.2 23.2 13.0 % change

But so it had better be, for all the signs of a strong revival in corporate borrowing are already there — parily to finance deferred and seasonal tax payments, but also to finance the recovery in output. The authorities are currently using exhortation to encourage the banks to show some foresight and self-discipline. But what if the banks take no notice? The authorities themselves are clearly reluctant to over-fund the PSBR to offset the impact of bank lending on the money supply. Presumably, they would be reluctant to use the interest rate regulator too. What does that leave other than direct credit controls or tighter liquidity requirements?

At the same time, of course, the banks might well ask whether it is entirely fair for the authorities to be on their backs in such circumstances. A good deal of the increase in credit currently being supplied to the private sector takes the form of bill finance rather than overdrafts — a trend that makes the authorities' handling of money in times of persistent shortage that much

Distillers

#### UK sales

#### down

Distillers' figures for the half year to September 30 are disappointing. Sales in the United Kingdom fell from £117m to £115m, while export sales rose mainly as a result of price increases. Pretax profits fell from £74.1m to



Mr J. R. Cater, chairman of the Distiliers Company

The company had, of course, fore-warned of the problem at the time of the 1980 results: sales to distributors in the last quarter of that year had accelerated to beat Budget price rises. Unfortunately, there is still no sign of recovery in the world market, where demand for scotch whisky remains weak. Pick-up in demand had been expected as the pre-Budget stocks were run-down, but this has happened more slowly than Distillers expected. As a result, the volume targets announced a few months ago have had to be revised

the company says it expects its profits to fall short of last year's £172.3m.

Analyst's forecast put the profit figure for this year in the range £160m-£165m, though they also expect the dividend to be held at last year's level, of 11p (gross). The half year dividend has already been maintained at 4.28p (gross). Sterling export prices are due to be adjusted early in the new year and this plus a possible increase in volume as the recession ends could help Distillers to a happier 1982.

#### English China Clays

#### Second half recovery

English China Clays has come up trumps with pretax profits for the year to September £1.fm higher at £41.7m a remarkable upturn from the first half

a remarkable upturn from the first half when full year estimates as low as £30m were being bandied about.

Sales volume in clays for the year was in fact some 11 per cent down. But the fall in United Kingdom production, down 250,000 tons in the first half, has been held to no more than 50,000 tons in the second six months. So, helped by an 8 per cent price rise last January and increase in efficiency — the overall workforce is down 1,000 to 11,000 — pretax profits from clay come out £3m pretax profits from clay come out £3m higher at £28m. Elsewhere, the con-struction division held up well in the

face of recession, but not so the quarrying operations, where profits were cut £2.7m to £7.2m.

With another lift in the final dividend the total is 10.2p gross, giving a yield of 6.4 per cent on the shares, up 8p to 159p yesterday. ECC should be a considerable beneficiary of an economic upturn—but RTZ, the oft-mentioned potential but RTZ, the oft-mentioned potential bidder clearly has its sights set elsewhere at the moment.

#### Japanese industry Less dependent on bank finance

The role of the banks in financing Japanese industry, so much admired by critics of the British system, is itself under pressure and undergoing fundamental changes, according to an intriguing article in the Bank of England's Quarterly Bulletin.

The first oil shock of 1973-74 set up the stresses and strains, by interrupting temporarily and slowing more permanently Japan's astonishing postwar expansion. And the growing pressure on Japan to liberalise her financial markets, to finance both inward and outward investment, has made the traditional dependence on bank financing increasingly untenable.

The oil crisis demonstrated tellingly

the dragging burden of high and inflexible interest costs on bank debt at a time of recession when profits are low. This spurred Japanese companies to try to increase their financial independence by generating more funds internally and diversifying sources of external finance.

The result: internal financing tratios have risen from between 40 to 50 per cent before 1973 to nearly 60 per cent close to typical British levels, while equity ratios in manufacturing have jumped from 17 per cent in 1975 to 21 per cent in 1980, reversing the previous trend. Japanese companies are also seeking to raise more money abroad.

(Because of Japanese accounting procedures equity ratios may be significantly understated. The article suggest that adjustments to the official 1975 figure for all industries of 14 per cent could bring the ratio to between 40 and 50 per cent, not very different from other industrialized countries.) Sir Freddie Laker, the man who pioneered cheap air travel with his transatlantic Skytrain service, seemed close to solving the crisis, facing Laker Airways last night. Attempts over several months to reschedule \$359m (£190m) of loans used to buy aircraft had run into trouble and amid mounting contern the Bank of England joined the effort to find an auswer. Yesterday evening it appeared that a solution was imminent.

The crisis threatening to overwhelm Laker was brought to a head by the Laker was brought to a head by the refusal of three foreign banks owed \$27m to agree to the debt rescheduling proposals. The banks, Dresdner Bank and Bayerische Vereinsbank of West Germany and the Austrian Creditanstalt-Bankverein, are part of the 13-member Midland Bank syndicate which lent Laker \$131m to buy three A-300 airbuses from Airbus Industrie.

They were the only ones which would not go along with proposals to delay for 12 months two \$6.9m capital repayments due in January and July 1981.

The failure of the Midland Bank syndicate to reach agreement in turn threatened the deal hammered turn threatened the deal hammered out with the American government agency Eximbank which led a syndicate providing Laker with \$228m to buy five McDonnell Douglas DC10s. Laker was due to repay \$12.6m of this in September but a breathing space was granted and in November Eximbank agreed to a 12-month rescheduling provided a deal was reached with the Midland

At the end of last week the Eximbank deadline expired and a deadline of January 5 was set.

Concern over Laker's financial state and the appalling conditions on the transatiantic air routes, where all the airlines are making heavy losses, lay behind the refusal of the Austrian and two West German banks to step into line.

In financial terms 1980 was the worst year yet for airlines and 1981

## **How Laker** hit an

## air-pocket

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fiercely competitive rate cutting during seasonally quiet months and at a time when the recession has been cutting passenger traffic and costs have continued to rise.

Laker's cash flow has suffered and the problems of meeting its debt

Sir Freddie Laker in happier days with the arrival of his first Airbus at Gatwick.



is expected to have been just as bad possibly worse. Meanwhile the North American routes, where Sir Freddie Laker pioneered his low-cost fares, have been the subject of faceful competitive. repayments were turther aggravated by the fall in sterling against the dollar which has pushed up the sterling value of loans. The talks to banner out agree-

ment among the banks ranged over selling off aircraft, injecting more capital into Laker (which has only £5m or so of equity capital and about £18m of reserves) which would mean a reduction in Sir Freddie's 90 per cent shareholding,

and beefing up the board with new directors. However the sticking point was the risk the three banks were prepared to accept.

The members of the Midland syndicate had some protection. Airbus Industrie carries the first 25 per cent of any losses on its loans. But the Austrian and German banks felt that the risks were too great for them to continue bearing the other 75 per cent and wanted their

It was against this background that the Bank of England assumed a more prominent role and the focus of negotiation shifted from the Midland syndicate to intensive talks with Sir Freddie and his merchant bank Samuel Montagu and with Midland Bank to try to find a way out of the impasse.

The negotiations have included the Department of Trade and the two aircraft manufacturers Airbus Industrie and McDonnell Douglas who may prove to be crucial in any

Rescheduling debt repayments would ease pressure on Laker's cash flow but may not be enough to ensure viability when the airline is in such difficulties.

Some change in the terms on which Laker acquired its DC10s from McDonnell Douglas and A-300s from Airbus Industrie may be one solution. This could perhaps involve the aircraft manufacturers sharing a greater part of the risk or even making some more direct contribution to help Laker out.

Time is running out and the only other solution to Laker's problems would seem to be a request for aid or a loan guarantee from the Government. This possibility has been discussed but no formal request has been made. It is certainly hard to imagine the Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher looking kindly on the idea of bailing out one of the models of free enterprise.

Peter Wilson-Smith

#### Melvyn Westlake

## Latin America — a monetarist test-bed

tarism is facing its most enced in that country since serious test. Argentina, the 1930s.

Uruguay and Chile all face The military men who mounting economic prob-came to power in Argentine.

What happens in these countries could have enormous implications for much of the rest of the Third World, where several govern-

struggle between the political left and right.

Chile, in particular, is seen by both sides as a "labora-tory" for a monetarist experiment of a most rigorous kind. The outcome could be significant for industrialized countries as well as develop-ing ones — a point that is not ost on the supporters and critics of monetarism in Europe and the United In its modern form, moue-

tarism was introduced into Latin America before either Britain or the United States adopted such policies. It formed part of the economic stabilization programme carried out in Brazil between 1964-68 following the military takeover. But the country's takeover. But the country's
tough free-market approach
was progressively watered
down after 1968.
In Uruguay, monetarist
policies were adopted after
the so-called "soft coup" in

1973 when the military greatly intensified their grip over the country, without, at that stage, totally taking over the

It is not only in Britain that led the military coup in Chile monetarist economic policies that toppled the democratistand at the crossroads. In cally-elected Government of Latin America, where several Dr Salvador Allende. General military governments have Pinochet's regime subsequently imposed — during stability and discipline in 1975-76 — a drastic assistant of their countries — sometimes. their countries — sometimes programme which resulted in with great severity — mone- the worst depression experi-

came to power in Argentine in 1976 similarly resorted to monetarist; and free-market

policies. In each case, monetarism has been part of a wider "reform" aimed (if not ments are flirting with mone- always successfully) at restarism. tructuring the economy
For Latin America, an area along classical liberal lines. Usually, prices and interest

rates have been de-regulated, welfare subsidies removed, export taxes and import tariffs reduced or eliminated. and state industries sold off to private enterprise. And all this has been accompanied by tough monetary control and a credit squeeze, together with repressive measures against organized labour and leftwing opposition.

Today, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile are all in recession. In Uruguay, unemployment and inflation are both rising, and the country's foreign debt is increasing rapidly.

The situation in Argentina

is much worse than in the ployment is 20 per cent and prices are rising faster than almost anywhere else in the world, running close to 150 per cent. In March, Argentina was

finally compelled to change tack and jettison some of its previous policies. Even in Chile, which has applied the monetarist doc-

trines with an exemplary zeal, the strains are now clearly evident. The largest It was also in that year that fruit exporting company and General Augusto Pinochet a big sugar refining company

probably entering its crisis", according to David Felix, Professor of Economics at Washington University, 3t Louis, and author of one of several papers on monetarism and the Third World, which appear in the latest issue of Bulletin, published today by the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University.

the emergence of the so-called "Chicago Boys" — a group of economists trained at the University of Chicago - the spiritual home of

modern monetarism. forestry products, the increase in foreign exchange price increase). By 1980 the reserves, the fall in state spending and the balanced by the state of the country of the c budget.

Critics, on the other hand, point to the high rates of unemployment, the worsening distribution of income and wealth, the rise in foreign debt and the lack of business investment, as well as the suppression of democracy and the Government's systematic use of political violence to achieve its ends. There was certainly a marked improvement in some aspects of the economy during the second half of the 1970s.

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The ferocious stabilization programme of 1975-76 did succeed in getting inflation down from the level of over 500 per cent, which followed the loss of control over prices during the later part of the Allende period. In 1980, inflation was down to 30 per cent, and in the first three quarters of 1981 was running at less than half that rate.

The extent of the squeeze can be judged from the fact that the budget deficit was reduced nearly 24 per cent of

gross domestic product under Ailende to little more than I per cent in 1978; and real interest rates (after allowing for inflation) did not go below 40 per cent for

But this stabilization programme had enormous costs.
"Open" unemployment soared to 20 per cent in Santiago, and poverty and hunger increased dramati-cally. The level of jobless is issue of Bulletin, published today by the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University.

Apart from the fervour of its monetarism, the Chilean situation is distinguished by the emergence of the so.

The savage deflation gave way to several years of rapid economic growth, which the World Bank was moved to describe as a "remarkable turnround". Indeed, between has become known as the 1977 and 1979, the economy Those who approve what the Chicago Boys are doing than 8 per cent a year, Chicago Boys are doing than 8 per cent a year, emphasize the recent high although to some extent this growth rates, the decline in simply reflected a rebound inflation, the expansion of after the 11 per cent slump in non-traditional exports like 1975 (made worse by falling

per cent, and this year is likely to be below 4 per cent. The negative side of the balance sheet is increasingly apparent. The foreign trade deficit is deteriorating rapidly. In the first nine months of 1981, the deficit reached \$2,200m, or about four times the deficit in the same period of 1980. Imports were up 28 per cent and exports down 14 per cent. The import liberalization, which brought tariffs tumbling down from around 100 per cent to approaching 10 per cent, has led to a big jump in imports of luxury consumer durables.

The trade position has also been made worse by the over-valuation of the Chilean gaso

while interest charges and repayments have placed an increasing burden on the balance of payments.
Equally disturbing, in the

view of some observers, the high domestic interest rates and cheap imports have discouraged business investment, both from abroad and at home. Although such investment is the seed-corn of future economic growth, it

the level of the 1960s.

But perhaps the most damaging indictment of Chilean monetarism is the apparent marked increase in income inequality - al-though the figures are hotly

disputed. In spite of the turmoil of the Allende years, the dispar-iry in living standards between rich and poor were probably reduced. Even the official statistics suggest that wages and salaries now account for only 41 per cent of national income, compared with 62.8 per cent in 1972 and

52 per cent in 1970. The unemployed have suffered particularly badly. Simultaneously, wealth has become still more concentrated in a few hands. But with the demise of the Somoza regime in Nicaragua, Chile probably has the greatest concentration of wealth in Latin America, according to Professor Felix. Five economic groups, known as the "piranhas" are estimated, by the author of another paper in IDS Bulletin, to own 53 per cent of the assets of the top 250 private companies in Chile. This situation was made worse by the wholesale dismemberment of the state enterprise sector, and the sale of the assets to private

otherwise approving of econ-omic policy in Chile expressed concern about the trend of income distribution and asset ownership. Chile, along with Argentina and Britain, has been in relative economic decline for several decades, and has grasped at money, attracted by the high interest rates. This has greatly added to Chile's the latest of them will succeed short-term foreign debts,

#### Business Diary: Live wires and ocean waves

thought Business Diary was to go out on a high note this year by throwing some fresh light on the mystery of the Loch Ness monster: But was not to be. Peter Young and Norman

Bellamy showed me a photograph of this serpent-like thingie with bumps on bob-bing about in the lock. Nessie to the life, I thought, but it turns out to have been there for less than five years, and Nessie has been around for a lot longer than that.

The picture they showed me was in fact of something man-made: it is called SEA-Clam, and it is a wave-

energy device by which electricity is generated by the action of the sea on flexible airbags attached to turbines inside a long floating concrete spine. SEA Clam was tested on

Loch Ness, having been The Accounting Standards developed by a team under Committee, the profession's Bellamy, who is the head of technical rule-making body, electrical and electronic enhancements are chairman at gineering at Lanchester Poly, nigh and dry in Coventry.

Young says that one float-ing power station of SEA Clams could produce about a are "pure speculation".

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the one that wears those He has also for awful shorts, says: "We extra-curricular

For a moment yesterday I British have the best waves in terms of energy density in the whole world".

This is a sentiment with which many Britons might concur, notably those still mopping up at Wick St Lawrence in Avon, who until last weekend's storms thought the Bristol Channel was three quarters of a mile However, it is not to the

West Country but to the Western Isles that Young and Bellamy are looking. Here the waves have a clear run across the Atlantic all the way from the West Indies to the Outer Hebrides. Sea Energy Associates is itching to string an 80-mile stretch of supertanker length Nessies about ten miles out, both as a working power station and as a showcase for export sales.

#### Technical hitch

The new man is Ian the backing of the Department of Energy and of Sea
Energy Associates, a consortium of which Young, a
director of RMC, is chairman.

Davison, managing partner
of top accountants Arthur
Andersen, who is also being
spoken of as the man who
will conduct the forthcoming
government review of the Bellamy and SEA Clam has Davison, managing partner yesterday Davison told Business Diary that such notions

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Standards bearer: Ian Hay Davison, the new chairman of the Accounting Standards ittee, yesterday.

nation programmes and acting as Department of Trade inspector into the cases of Gray's Building Society and John Stonehouse's London Capital Securities.

Davison says he will take up the post officially on July when the present chairman, Tom Watts of Price Waterhouse, stands down, but plans no quick radical

"I'll be joining the com-mittee as an ordinary mem-ber shortly to find out how things stand", he said.
The ACS job is not exactly sought after as it involves more public exposure and professional controversy han most accountants have a taste for. Sir Douglas Mor-peth of Touche, Ross was to have succeeded Tom Wetts in this job but backed down at the last minute in August.

#### After Frodsham Britain's engineering em-

ployers have at last found themselves a new leader Dr James McFarlane Frodsham, director general of the En-gineering Employers' Feder-ation (EEF) for ther last seven years. He steps down

in February.
McFarlane, aged 56, will take over at the EEF at a time when the vital engineering sector is undergoing major structural change and facing serious internal argu-ment over the future validity of national collective pay bargaining. As a main board director of

CKN, Britain's largest engin-eering group, McFarlane should have sufficient experisuch as chairing two of ence to understand the Granada TV's State of the problems of the EEF's 6,000 member companies, many in dire trouble these days, and weld them into united front against the engineering unions and the government, McDarlane's first round of national pay talks starts next

autumn McFarlane impressive management record at GKN and has served is apprenticeship on many EEF committees. He joined GKN in 1969 after working for ICI and International Nickel and in 1977 became GKN's group general manager personnel.

The EEF's recruitment expert, the London-based Wysock-Wright company, has had to work hard to find a successor to Frodsham for the post, reputed to carry a salary of close to £40,000 a year. At least one preferred

candidate backed down With McFarlane, the EEF seems to have decided to play while not well known outside the federation, has a roven record as an engineering and

#### Continental drift

Cox & Kings, which claims to be Britain's oldest travel agency launched its France and Portugal summer cata-logue in London yeserday, but now as ever it was hard not to talk about India. The origins of the firm go back to 1758 (and India) and

one Thomas Cox, who was agent for the British Army agent for the British Army
there, predating Thomas
Cook by about a century.
Cos & Kings no longer
assists well-bred girls to get
themselves and their trousseaus from Albion to the
Sub-Continent and its eligible empire-builders. Today it's sights and smells rather than spouses that are the attrac-

tion in package tours But, says chairman Anthony Good, Cox & Kings is still the biggest British agency in Indian holdiday

No wonder the tax avoidance industry is on the rocks. After my report yesterday on the falling of the judicial axe on the Rossminster "non-deposit" lax avoidance scheme, I received a call from a City tax consultant asking me to straight home the scheme. explaint 'how the 'scheme worked. Is this why people in this office keep telling me I'm in the wrong business?

Ross Davies

companies at heavily undervalued prices. Even the World Bank -

against other currencies. The exchange rate is being deliberately kept high in order to help bring inflation down, and the foreign delicit financed by large inflows of sbort-term speculative



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#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Bids make most of the running

As dealers became more involved in the traditional round of cocktail and office parties yesterday it was again left to bid situations to make for £26m.

South Africa was selling its from Hanson Trust of 150p a 32 per cent stake to one of share. Hanson holds 26 per cent of Berec. Half-year figures from Distillers proved to be at the company of a processions.

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Fromment among these was the dawn raid by brokers Stenberg, Thomas Clarke, on behalf of an unnamed investment client, who bid 125p for optimism surrounding the motor dealer. Unfortunately, with two large buyers active in the market on Wednesday in the market on Wednesday Sternberg appear to have fallen well short of the target yesterday of brokers Scrimwith around only 500,000 shares picked up — half of them in for lunch. The price which were sold by British

account stood at 69p before racing ahead yesterday to 96p. An inquiry is expected to be called into all previous

The rest of the equity market appeared to be making slow progress with turnover described as minimal. The FT Index closed 1.9 down at 518.7 having opened the day 0.2 down at 10am.

The gift edged market sppeared short of inspiration with sterling lower, the US bond market easier, and a dull set of money supply figures.
Prices drifted throughout

Prices drifted throughout the day on lack of interest with the final picture showing falls of a EV in longs and EV in shorts.

Jessel Yoynbee closed unchanged at EZp after the Kuwait Investment Office had announced it had bought 1.02m shares, or 7.74 per cent of the company, at market levels.

9p to 115p on the news that shows on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the act dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and the Union Corporation of earnings are not a sloss, b=Adjusted.

Thomas Tilling rose 3p to 147p after hearing the news that the board of Berec had agreed to the latest offer

share. Hanson holds 26 per cent of Berec.

Half-year figures from Distillers proved to be at the lower end of expectations and the subsequent warning on trading knocked the shares 14p to 165p. There have been runnours that the group has recently bought a stake in Bank of Scotland, which incidentally holds 25 per cent of Henlys. But the group is reckoned to have bought the stake, totalling less then 5 per cent, as far back as June.

Better-than-expected trad-

Better-than-expected trading news boosted Suyltone 8p to 158p and English China Clays 8p to 159p, while Whessoe celebrated a return to profits and its first final top rollis and for the rollish ro rise of 6p to 148p.

Equity turnover on Decem-ber 16 was £107.434m (10, 404 bargains).

Word is that Reynold Diversi-fied, the Australian Oil & Gas exploration group, is about to receive a cash injection for the development of several of its oil exploration projects in the United States and Middle East. The shares, a favourite with small investors, and traded under rule 163(E) yesterday touched 3p before closing at 2½p. Traded options: Total con-tracts amounted to only 590,

Latest	results

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Euglish China (F) G. M. Firth (I)	334.9(332.4)	41.5(40.5)	17.22(18)	4.5(3.5)	7/4	7.2(6)
Geevor Tin (1)	1.46(1.44) 2.79(2.35)	0.03(0.05) 0.017a(0.14a)	0.8(2.2) 0.56e(4.9a)	1.5(1.5)	-	(3.0)
Arthur Lee (F)	50.2(68.8)	3.1a(0.09a)	5.04(0.83)	0.44(-)	26/2	0.44(0.44)
Marston, Thompson (I)	19.7(16.4)	3.24(2.6)	3.53(3.08)	0.7(0.62)	2012	-(1.8)
Minet (9 mths)	33.4(25.65)	10.57(5.19)	()	-(-)	_	(4.55)
Notts. Brick (F)	4-19(4.57)	0.29(0.06)	13.8(22.1)	4.6(4.6)	19/2	6.6(6.6)
Paterson Jenks (1)	12.7(8.89)	0.64(0.13)	3.4(0.76)	0.6(0.5b)		-(1.87b)
Plysu (1)	9.23(9.14)	1.04(0.68)	5.1(4.76)	0.75(0.6b)	4/2	-(1.8b)
Redman Heenan (F) Sidlaw (F)	31.8(42.1)	2.02a(2.84) -	12.9=(14.3)	2(2)		4.2(4.2)
Sonic Sound (P)	31_3(34.1)	2.09(0.13a)	36.3(2.25a)	7.5(1.5)	16/2	10(3.0)
Syltoge (J)	4.72(2.6)	0.8(0.3)	11.6(5.07)	2.24(—)		4.48()
Trafford Carpets (I)	7-96(8.52)	0.68(0.31)	- ()	3.61(1.8)	9/2	<b>(0.e)</b>
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Vaux Breweries (F)	86(72.85)	9.48(8.7)	7.0(5.2)	2.5(2.2)	1/4	<b>—(6.2)</b>
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#### One-for-one scrip issue at Whessoe

By Our Financial Staff Whessoe, the Darlingtonbased engineering group, fulfilled its halftime recovery forecast yesterday when it announced a return to profin-ability for the year to

September.
Pretax profits were £4.6m against a loss of £412,000, on sales almost a third higher at

The group is declaring a final dividend for the first time since 1979. The payout for the year totals 11.46p. It is also making a one-for-one

thairman, yesterday attri-buted the improvement to a return to profit at Whessoe Engineering after heavy

osses last year.
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## AE profits collapse to £1m

Despite a second half Despite a second half return to profitability on the back of a £17m rationalization plan. AE, the precision engineering group, announced yesterday a collapse in full-year pretax profits to £1m from £7.8m the previous the disposal of the group's heat transfer division in August there was an under-

year.

The decline reflected continuing low demand for per cent. The decime iteming low demand for perturbing low demand for perturbing low demand for replacement components in the United Kingdom, reduced second half sales and pretax demand for new components profits as against the pre-construction in Europe, tighter export indication of the benefits of the two year-rationalization plan, which cost £9.2m dur-

Sales in the 12 months to ing the year. He said the full

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August, there was an under-

benefits should through in 1982. Mr Collyer said that profit brfore interest of the group's manufacturing companies increased, while that of the

overseas companies fell.
Mr Collyear says the group's gearing has been reduced from 62 per cent to 50 per cent.

Having omitted a half time dividend, the group is decla-ing a final dividend of 2p gross against 4.2p for the previous year. The shares gained 6p to 44p.

### UK milk side boosts first | Arthur Lee Lord Erroll of Hale, the hairman, yesterday attributed the marrowers to

Unigate the milk and meat. Mr Clement said these producer, has staged a sub-stantial recovery for the half-year to September 30, with sold, but the company was pretax profits up 38 per cent continuing to support its to £20.1m and turnover up 6 remaining meat interests in from per cent at £710m. the belief that it could

Mr John Clement, the chairman, said the improve-ment was based on extensive efficiencies made throughout the group and price increases in January.

The most dramatic improvement came from UK milk products which almost doubled their profitability from £8m to £15.9m. Industrial services, which include North Sea oil interests, jumped from £1m to £2.8m, though a £1.3m loss was made on meat products, down against a profit of

The Dow Jones industrial average was slightly lower most of the day but gained strength near the close and finished up by 181 routes at \$20.53. Advances

1.81 points at 870.53. Advances just led declines by about 730 to 720, and volume rose to 47 million shares from 42.4 million

yesterday.

Mr Michael Metz of Oppen-heimer and Co said the market

## improves in second half

The pretax loss of Arthur Lee and Sons jumped from £93,000 to £3.18m in the year f.93,000 to £3.18m in the year to September 30 last. However, this result is a big improvement on the rate of losses — £2.65m pretax — sustained in the first half-year. And, with a tax credit of £5m, against £113,000 last time, Lee has a net profit of £1.82m, compared with just £20,000. the belief that it could overcome the present weakness of the market.
The recemity acquired subsidiaries in the food division, Clipper Seafoods and Tuners Turkeys, had broadened the base of operations and both were performing satisfactorily, he added.
Further food diversification took place in October when the group bought Casa Bonita, an American res-

Turnover for the pear dropped from £58.8m to £50.2m. The group's overdraft has been cut from £4.6m to £2.7m. Lee is now trading profitably and the total dividend is being maintained at 0.62p gross a share.

Bonita, an American res-taurant chain.

The half-year dividend gross, has been increased from 3.15p to 3.57p. Earnings per share were also up from 5.2p per ordinary shre to 7p. Siebe Gorman

Siebe Gorman Holdings has equired Rieth and Co of Kirchheim, near Stuttgart, for DM9m (about £2.1m) Rieth designs, makes and supplies metal parts for the power generating industry in Europe and the Middle East. Through a subsidiary in Vienna products are also supplied and installed in

Vaux record ...

In spite of tough con-litions, Vaux Breweries managed to achieve its thir-teenth successive increase in pretax profits in the 53 weeks to October 3 with a 9 per cent rise to £9.48m.

Charles Hill

Charles Hill of Bristol has exchanged conditional contracts for the acquisition of Octavius Hunt from its private shareholders for £650,000 cash with more payable over the next two years depending on profit levels. The acquisition is conditional on the approval of the ordinary shareholders. Hunt makes smoke pesticides, industrial matches and sparklers and has recently sparklers and has recently telecommunications equip-ment. The accounts show pretax profits for the six months to September 30 of £104,000 and net assets at that date of £345,000.

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# Change in Stocks

#### England's footballers put their trust in a Yorkshireman with no fancy London airs

## The man who controls superstars

How on earth did Harry money to be made out of foot-Swales ever do it? You may ball—off the pirch as well as not have heard of him, unless on it. Remember all those new you happen to be a sports editor of a national newspaper, or work in advertising, television or sponsoring, but what he does should smoress you. Harold Swales, MBE, is the agent for England's World Cup

He has kept a dull sithouette and those sports columnists who have had occasional digs at his expense have done so, to Mr Sweles's great resentment, without ever having met him. They do not realize, so he says, what a terrific job he does

does.

He is difficult to meet, especially these days, ever since Paul Mariner, by great good fortune, stuck out a foot to a Trevor Brooking miskick and took England into the World Cup finals in Spain. Until that game against Hun-gary, all had appeared lost. From that moment, the world and his butler have been after Mr Swales.

Mr Swales.

For a start, he lives in the village of Collingham, near Wetherby in Yorkshire. Where, you say, asking your personal assistant end your marketing director to get out the gazetteer at once? In the world of agents, where the superstars of the sporting world are controlled from Mayfair or New York by organizations employing hundreds of expensive and beautiful people, Harry Swales is not just unusual but unique. He does it all on his own, from his Yorkshire home, with only his wife to help him answer the telephone.

We was the time to devote himself full-time to Keegan, which he did. In October, 1979, the English players approached him about their pool. Today, he looks after only England and Keegan.

Meeting Keegan was a stroke of luck for him, but the benefit was mutual. So many players, catapulted to success, can easily choose to listen to the wrong advice, swayed by metropolitan manners, expensive suits, knowing ways. Keegan is not just England's only recognized world class player, he happens to be an all round superstar. Perhaps to wear an England shirt.

We waited for an hour in We waited for an hour in the foyer at Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lene in Loadon where Mr Swales now stays on his regular bur fleeting visits to the capital. We watched the mysterious Arabs and their unmysterious daughters, thewing gum through their veils and wearing training shoes. Oh, isn't that Jackie Stewart over there, friend of the Royals? isn't that Jackie Stewart over there, friend of the Royals? Yes indeed And that must be Kevin Keegan, wearing an evening suit, our first foot-balling millionaire. Mr Swales is also Keegan's agent and he has worked hard

to help him achieve household prominence. Keegan was using Harry's hotel room to change in, getting ready for another function. Top footballers spend a lot of time at functions, especially if they are looked after by Mr Swales.

He appeared looking neat and dapper with an RAF moustache which curled across his face, open and to the point, his Yorkshire accent and northhis Yorkshire accent and northern bluntness inract. He is 56 and comes from the village where he still lives. He left school in Leeds at 16 and in 1943 went into the Army, the Royal Horse Artillery, where he served as a driver for six years, in Europe and the Middle East.

He came out in 1947 and became a salesman for Warner Pathe films, working for them for 22 years, ending as assistant sales manager. It was a purely commercial job, selling films to distributors, but through it, he says, he drifted into the world of show business, meeting people in the theatre and then

About thirteen years ago, he decided to set up on his own as a sports agent, having come to know Don Revie and the as a sports agent, having come to know Don Revie and the matches, the pool still constitutes.

A commercial firm goes to accept sponsorship in sport. If you accept it, surely it is far remember that it was Leeds are told yes they pay their better to control it than allow Donted who first glimpsed the money. Oh no, he will not tell it to become cheap and nasty.

shirts that came out, new styles, new gimmicks. I still have a set of number tabs. which you put on your football socks, one of the few ideas not to be commercially successful. It was Harry Swales who did the deal with the Leicestershire firm, Admiral, which is now part of footballing history.

part of footballing history.

Swales also looked after the players' pool at Leeds. They won the FA Cup in 1972 and he organized their bits and pieces from advertising, photographs, appearances, signed articles and such like. He did such a good job for them that Liverpool asked him to help them; so did Celtic and then Southampton.

It was through Liverpool It was through Liverpool

that he mer Keegan. When Keegan moved to Hamburg in 1977, he left Swales virtually in charge of his British commitments. Harry decided this was the time to devote himself full that as Measure which he

he happens to be an all round superstar. perhaps the smartest, most energetic person to wear an England shirt.

Anybody who saw him arrive as a stranger in Germany, with no language, no connexions, and then dominate his world both on and off the pitch, can only admire him. He saw the benefit of putting his affairs in the hands of a one-man band, an upright Yorkshire-man, with no fancy London airs

and distracting graces.

Swales says his role with England is constantly being misunderstood, perhaps wilfully. "I am not involved physically in the lives of the present players although I see England players, although I get accused of doing so. I would never interrupt their concentration on football. No one in their right mind would want to interfere with the England training schedules. I look after the real of their face of their face of their face of their face. the use of their image. Per-haps, after a game is over, they might then be involved they might then be involved physically in some promotion.

Most football clubs have a pool, if they are at all successful. The FA Cup finalists, for example, will decide to pool all the revenue they can make from their Cup success, dividing it equally between the players, usually from 15 to 18, who are in the first team pool. If they look like doing well, they hand over all the paperwork and negotiations to one person, for a percentage of course.

The England pool is more complicated. Under Swales, it has developed into an ongoing has developed into an ongoing situation, as of this moment in time. You get a point every time you are named in the England squad. At the end of each year, your points are added up—and under Ron Greenwood almost 30 different people in the theare and then sporting personalities. He also did a lot of charity work for the Variety Club of Great in the last year—and the spoils are divided according to your points. So even if England had not got to Spain, or even when for months they play no still confor months they play no matches, the pool still con-



Harry Swales: says his role is constantly misunderstood

to use the England team image, and so has Lipton's. This might mean little more than a photograph of the lads, or it could be personal appearances at company activities. The biggest current contract is with Courage, the brewers.

This is really a PR job. We don't endorse their products. We mainly turn up at receptions and meet their clients

or a factory. Courage by the players and their clients to put up a quiz team against the England players quiz team. We never win, though Trevor Francis is exceptionally good, and so is Trevor Brooking.

"We also sign footballs for Courage, which gives a marked to get pleasure out of knocking anything that is successful. It's a marvellous country, with a marvellous way of life, yet people keep running that is successful.

ratified. I am very aware of the responsibility we have. It is important to accept only the right things. We wouldn't accept cigarette firms, for example, or heavy spirits." What about Courage? Surely a beer firm is only a stage away from manufacturers of spirits?

"We do not advertise beer.

We do not advertise beer. We only do internal PR for them. You also forget that Courage is a huge firm. They have hotels and restaurants, as well as everything else. The players have appeared in a campaign for Don't Drink and Drive.

us how much. He's not daft.

Trebor, the mints and sweet

Once we've agreed a contract,
people, is one of the companies
which has official permission is respectable. Every bit of art is respectable. Every bit of art work comes to me. If I don't like it, we don't approve it.

"Without us, you would have pirate companies bringing the game into disrepute. As it is, so many people exploir the game without putting anything back. We have done a lot for charity ourselves. We bought six sunshine coaches for the Variety Club. They cost £6,000 each.

"I get upset when people attack what I do. I was asked by the players and the FA to

land players' quiz team. We never win, though Trevor Francis is exceptionally good, and so is Trevor Brooking.

"We also sign footballs for Courage, which they might give to their local landlords who raffle them, and the proceeds end up for charity. Whenever anyone approaches me for the use of the England team, I put it to a committee of four players—Kevin, Trevor Brooking, Ray Wilkins and Mick Mills. We discuss what would be involved. If we agree it is good for the image of the game, we submit it to Variety Club. not for services to football. You never know, that might come, now we're going to Spain. His heart must the responsibility we have It to spain. His heart must have leave when he can be successed in the complex of football. You never know, that might come, now we're going to Spain. His heart must the responsibility we have It to the responsibility we have the second to the complex of the responsibility we have the second to the complex of the responsibility we have the second to the complex of the responsibility we have the complex of the responsible manner. It will give a lot of complex the clothing industry. The world Cup is going to we have a big occasion, so let's enjoy it, in a responsible manner. It will give a lot of complex the clothing industry. The world Cup is going to will an a big occasion, so let's enjoy it, in a responsible manner. It will give a lot of complex the clothing industry. The world Cup is going to will an arreplous country, with a marvellous country, with a marvellous way of life, yet where the world Cup is going to will an arreplous way of life, yet where the world Cup is going to will a be a big occasion, so let's enjoy it, in a responsible manner. It will give a lot of cmanner. It will give a lot of cmanner. It will give a lot of cmanner. It will give a lot of cmanne

have leapt when he saw that Mariner goal go in. Go on, Harry, admit it.

"No, not for myself. I was pleased for the players. They have to put up with a lot of criticism. And for Ron Greenwood. He is such a gentleman. As for me. I see it as a challenge. I have been indeed very busy since then, but we are still willing to discuss projects with anyone. You can get me with anyone. You can get me in Yorkshire. Thank you." It's still not absoultely clear how he's managed it. His wife, Audrey, has one suggestion. When you hire Harry Swales, she says, you get Harry Swales, not one of Harry Swales's assistants. Well done, Harry.

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**Hunter Davies** 

#### Tennis

#### is thought better than two From John Ballantine New Jersey, Dec 17

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With three of the four players involved in the most crucial marches of the f132,000 Toyota Women's championships today. Chris Lloyd, Tracy Anstin and Andrea Jaeger all favouring double-handed backhands it is curious indeed that many modern experts still consider this stroke is infector to the traditional single-handed movement.

"I tried very hard to get Chris to change" recalls Jimmy Evert, the quiet coach from Fort Lauderdale who fathered, bred and burnished the most incredible tennis "machine" of all time. "Actually when she was about 14 she used to practice single handedly under my eye, but then I'd see her six courts off hammering away with two hands again. I definitely think that one hand is superior for it gives more reach, fluency and mobility than two bands, especially on fast surfaces like Wimbledon."

Evert believes that this is why his daughter has had greater difficulty winning on the contre court than elsewhere. "You only have to observe the quality of the net attack of say Evonne Cawley, Martina Navratilova or Hanz Mandiikova to be sure that one hand is better," he concluded.

So should it be back to the old one-listed backhand? Maybe for Wimbledon where hirs Lloyd may well have won three times despite the logical disadvantage, but here on the green carper of the Meadowlands Stadium, it seems no handicap at all.

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Another frequent criticism is that the two-handed players find it difficult to pick up low, short balls and Pam Shriver attempted to exploit this in her fine first round match with Mrs Lloyd. On the other hand, two-handed players like these girls, Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors are wonderfully adopt at controlling fast and low belts with this style. Discussing this with an old timer here today he recalled one doubles match in the 40s when John Bromwich, the Australian, who was one of the first great players to use two hands, did not miss one service return on the backhand in five sets. His occoneurs were two of the strongest servers in the same, Jack Kramer and Bob Falkenburg.

### Where one hand Tanner the latest seed to lose in NSW Open

stone of West Australia continued the rout of seeded players in the New South Wales Open with a 5-3, 5-3 victory over Soucce Tanner, the second seed. Only three seeds—Mark Edmondson (6), Chris Lewis (12) and Hank Pfister (13)—have survived to reach tomorrow's quarter-finals.

The fourth seed, Johan Kriek, of South Africa, his countryman Kevin Curren (15) and Schlomo Glickstein (10) of Israel, were also bearen and like Tamer now have time on their bands to practise for the Australian Open, beginning in Melbourne on December 26. Yannick Noah, the No 3 seed from France, lost too but will not take up a wild card entry into the Australian Open.

into the Australian OpenIn the quarter-finals Phil Dent
plays the 1978 Open winner, Tim
Wildson of the United States,
Pfister meets his fellow American, Steve Deuron, Lewis, of
New Zealand, takes on John
Alexander and Johnstone is
paired with Edmondson. John
stone gave Australia's Davis Copcaptain, Neale Fraser, something
to mull over with his biggest win
to date over the big serving
American, ranked eleventh in the
world.

Johnstone, ranked 131, is enjoying a mine-match unbeaten run and last Sunday won the Queensland Open, bearing Dent in the fixal. "It's been a slow process to realize that you are the equal, if not better, than your opponents," Johnstone said, "My mental attitude is better and I'm serving well. After winning nine matches on the trot I'm seeing the ball well and Roscoe helped me by dot getting in too many of his first serves."

Tanner gained afmiration for

In too many of his first serves. Tamer gained admiration for the gracious way he accepted defeat. "Chris played me right," he said. "He moved the ball around and made it show where I was tired. He knew my travel schedule and did things that were not going to make me play as well he played me smart."

Tanner had to play two matches today to catch up on his late arrival yesterday after completing Davis Cup commitments for the United States against Argentins, in Cincinstil last weekend. Alexander came through a tough assignment, beating Noah 6—3, 4—5, 7—5 in a second round match carried over from



tough assignment

last night and an hour later disposing of Curren 7—5, 6—4. The Australian is getting into his stride after a lay off from a himsering back injury.

Alexander, rater eighty-nimh in the world, takes on Lewis tomorrow and holds a favourable 2—1 hend-to-head record. Lewis beat Lloyd Bourne of the United States, 5—3, 7—6.

Alexander, rated eighty-nimh in and doubles partner, Dent, reached the last right with a 6—3, 6—7, 6—3 victory over England's Jonathan Smith, conqueror yesterday of Ilie Nastase.

Edmondson, looming as the favourite to take out the title, easily defeated Clickstein, 6—2, 6—4 and Pfister beat Kriek 6—4, 6—3.

Henri Leconte the French junior, lost to Wilkison 6—4, 6—7, 6—4 and the wonderful run of Wally Masur came to an end when he lost 5—3, 6—4 to Denton.

#### Sweden sweep through to quarter-finals

Delray Beach, Florida, Dec 17. The top five seeded teams, led by the defending champions, Sweden, are through to the quarter-finals of the Sunshine Cup boys' team tennis tourna-

Sweden, the top seeded country to retain the world's leading trophy for players of 18 and ander, beat the Netherlands 3-0, 

#### US juniors make easy progress

Tarpon Springs, Florids, Dec 17.—The defending champions, United States, and China had easy victories against their opponents yesterday to reach the semi-final of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Continental Players Cup International team tennis thurnament for luming agirs. tournament for junior girls.

Andrea Leand and Ziva Garrison of the United States won their singles matches against Inly, who were seeded airth. Miss Leand best Wanitz Nest 6-1, 6-2 and Miss Garrison, defeated Nicollette Virgintino 5-2, 6-1.

China defeated Yugoslavia 2-1, seeded fourth, on Wadnesday, beat Britain 2-1 in the quarter-final, Earlier on Wednesday, Austria beat the third-seeds, Spain, 2-1, West Germany defeated the Netherlands 2-1 and Italy beat Canada, 2-0. tournament for junior girls.

## Genuine supporters made to suffer for the acts of hooligans

## Ireland earn new contracts

Mr Hand's contract with the Republic of Ireland is expected to run until the European Champion-ship finals in 1984.

## Weekend programme threatened again

today whether their match at Brighton tomorrow goes ahead. When the players reported for indoor training at Elland Road yesterday, five first team players were sent home by the clab doctor. They were Lukic, Burns, Hart, Frank Gray, and Comor. A Leeds spokesman said : "The

Yestenday's results

### Futcher is suspended for two matches

phinary commission in Manchester yesterday. Further was expecting stiffer punishment after reaching 20 penalty points. He said: "I am really delighted because the team have a great chance of promotion to the first division and I didn't want to miss too many games"." David Rusbury (Carlisle United) was also banned for two games. Both suspensions begin

Ken Price, the Gillingham striker, has been cleared of bringing the game into disrepute, Price was charged after an incident with Alan Moody in Gillingham's 3—0 defeat at Southend on November 2, but was found not guilty by a disciplinary commis-sion in London.

lengths. Price's teammare, Colin Powell, and Dave Cusack (Southend United) spoke on his behalf. Gillingham also called the referee, Howard Taylor (Leicestershire), to give evidence. Moody, Southend's physio-therapist, Brian Beckett, and three spectators at the game, which Southend won 3-0, gave evidence against him.

David Rusbury (Carlisle David Rusbury (Carlisle David Rusbury (Carlisle David Rusbury (Carlisle David Rusbury Rusbury

Paul Futcher, the Oldham Peacock, who conducted the Achietic defender, was suspended player's defence, said: "It's a is the Football League's first paid for two matches when he pity that it had to go to these chairman and managing director. It was appointed at a board plinary commission in Manchester Colin Powell, and Dave Cusack meeting earlier this week. meeting earlier this week.

Mr Noades has been giving all his time to the affairs of the club since his consortium bought out Ray Bloye's comrolling interest last January for £500,000.

Since the FA approved paid directors last month there have been several appointments, Malcolm Macdonald of Fullman being the first, But Mr Noades is the first to be also chairman of the board.

Today's fixtures

### Miss Irons tries to dent male preserve

By Roy McKelvie

Another male entreuchment
was breached last evening when
a girl competed in the hithern
totally masculine public schools
rackets championship at Queen's
Club. Miss Rosanda Irons, a
sixth former at Wellington
College, lost to Ruper Pearce
(Malvera) by 15-2, 15-1, but
blazed a traif for others fust as
did Baroness Wentworth early
this century when she built her
own real teonis court and claimed
the ladies championship of the
world. Now there are over 1,000 the ladies championship of the world. Now there are over 1,000 women playing that game in this country.

If those three post-war England cricketers and distinguished rackets players, Hubert Doggart, Colin Cowdruy and Ted Dexter, choke over their breakfast coffee this morning, no one should be supprised.

For 113 years, since the championships began in 1868, schools rackets has been a male preserve, not just because only boys schools passess courts, but because no one thought girls strong or nimble enough to play

what is the fastest moving ball game in the world. After last night's affair they could be right. Miss Irons may have been nervous but she simply could not turn quickly enough to take Pearce's service.

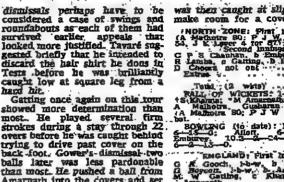
Bionde Miss Irons, daughter of a civil engineer, lives in Chorleywood and was at Northwood College before going to Wellington to study maths, physics and chemistry. With three good Alevels, she hopes to yo to Cambridge and later become a chemical engineer. At Wellington she was head of her house and a college prefect. she was head of her house and a college prefect.
At under-19 level she has played hockey and cricket for Middlesex and swum for Bucks. Her interestin rackets began while watching the achool pair in action. She said: "Two of us—we were wearing our tights—watched the match and asked the professional if we could have a game. We had a konckabour in court and then asked if we could carry on and he gave us a weekly court. I find rackets a very challeging game. It's so fast, I much prefer it to squash." hiss Irons

## Cruising under power **Motor Boat** all aspects of motor boating-inland and offshore-every month, Regular five-page boat reports assess speed, fuel consumption, range, noise and frim. Our new series, and Yachting "Cruising Under Power, is essential reading for newcomers and old hands alike. Part 1, this month, deals with choosing a boat, buying, registering, surveys, January issue on sale now 90p

## Managers of England lose concentration on a wicket showing signs of wear

Indignity, for a three-day match in India, of finishing behind on the first imming against North Zone here today. Some wretched batting, caused England's dismissal for 154 in reply to North Zone's store of 157. By the closs North Zone were 88 for two and

3 together on Wednesday even-



Gatting: showed more determination than most

World Series Cup is delicately poised

the two uses the foot and waste chus had his left foot and waste heavily strapped after scoring a century against Queensland Country, yesterday. West Indies, with seven matches still to play, have the chance to arrest shelf slide and force their way into the fool series, beginning on January 23. But they must cominne their present momentum and win at their games at the

## Home truths aired on rigging of pitches

cricket Correspondent

Some home truths were arreduled to Lord's yesterday, at the winder meeting of the Test and county Cricket Board, about the igging of pinches. More complete them ever before seem to lave been prepared to admit that, es, they do prepare pixches to mit their own home bowlers, ather than try to make them if hey can and as they are asked to do, "dry hard, fast and proe it all times".

#### Superb century by Zaheer basis of Pakistan's win

Sydney, Dec 17.—Zaheer Abbas bion. A misjudgment by Wellham scored a typically enciting cantury and inspired Pakistan to a 74 before Marsh, who hit an six-wicket victory over Australia in their world series one-day recovery. Pakistan, fresh from a resounding ing victory in the third Test in Melbourne, easily overhanted 6f 222 for six by reaching 223 for four with seven overs to save.

Rugby Union

#### **Barbarians** pick two Frenchmen

The French international for wards, Robert Paparemborde and Jean-Luc Joinel, have been thosen to play for the Barbarlans against Leicester on Decem-ber 29, along with three others who will be representing the touring side for the first time. These are Richard Morlarty, the

trial at Twickenham.

An attractive combination includes Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes at half back as well as three other Welshmen, five Scots and three Englishmen. No doubt the English representation has been limited out of deference to national business—the Australian international—the following Saturday. In the event of Tony Swift or Winterbottom being required in some capacity for that encounter, they would find themselves under obvious pressure to withdraw from the match at Welford Road.

Leitester are waiting to hear

it to their international players to make up their own minds whether they want to appear for the club only four days before the international Pirst, of course, those players must confirm their selection for England. But it is known that, while Peter Wheeler is keen to play against the Barbarians, the centres, Paul Dodge and Clive Woodward, would prefer to miss the Tuesday game.

Leicester's coach "Chalky" White, holds that his England players should not play so close to the international. In that event the club might want to choose against Bristol tomorrow the side they intend should meet the Barbarians. To ensure a game, Leicester have agreed to play at Bristol because their own Wellford Road pitch it still frozen.

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Twickenham officials are confident that the England trial tomorrow will go then as planned. The mow cleared from the pitch last Monday and since then it has been covered by protective sheating. Autiliary heaters are available if necessary. Dennis Morgan, the heaters are available if neces-sary. Dennis' Morgan, the administrative secretary of the RFU, said: "It is true that I's have checked with other venues; in the West. But if conditions stay as they are we shall have no problems here and the game will definitely be played."

## Ella back to best, Templeton says Romanians

Rugby Correspondent
The Anstralian party trained
hard in icy and snowy conditions
at North Berwick yesterday
morning when their coath, Bob morning when their costs, hop Templeton, gave the forwards some hard strummaging practice against local opposition. The doughty No 8, Mark Loane, took no part because of a sore throat. Nor did Andrew Slack, a centre whose thoughtful skills have been making a consistent impression. making a consistent impression. Bur both are expected to be fir for tomorrow's international against Scotland.

The affable and ever helpful Mr Templeton did nor wholly concar with me yesterday when I suggested that they had taken a calculated risk in the choice of Mark Ella at stand-off half. "His

Peter Winterbottom, of Headingley and Yorkshire, is one young man who will have been warding the wagaries of the carrent Arcic weather with more than usual concern. He farms the dates above Skipton, plays his club rughy for Headingley, and, after a meteoric rise to something approaching fame, is selected as a flanker for the full England trial, at Twickenham, postponed once may rearranged for nonotrow.

gen for comorrow.

At the start of the season he was desperately keen to get a game, for Yorkshire. If things were really well, there was always the possibility of selection for England Under-23. That reality has so extended experision, including selection for England B against France B, is a tribute to his undoubted talent.

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Winterbottom will not be 22 mail May but humping bales of buy and sacks of seed has toughtened him prodigiously since his schooldays at Rossall, and he was certainly no pale aesthete then, as a successful school rugby career confirmed. He played for England Colis in a well besten pack which faced a powerful French side in Paris, and demonstrated clearly that, with regard to physical presence and pace, he was potentially in the top bracket.

He is self-effecing on the suc-

bracket.

He is self-effacing on the subject of his own speed, but those of us who watched him zoom around Kirkstell like a blond, awanging they during the manch with Lancashire, tackling anything that moved, may have fewer reservations on the subject. He showed outstanding staming on

remain annions to discover how Ella reacts under pressure. I hasten to add that have never been in any doubt about his sparkling attacking balents.

Mr. Tesupleton, described the mood of the Wallaby camp as being keyed up, but not edgy, without perhaps the degree of intensity which surrounds everybody going down to Wales for the big game." He of coorse regress the enforced absence of their splendid scrum half, John Hipwell, but stressed that it would do the morale of Philip Cox—and that of Ella, too—no ham ar all to know that they were now in the front line in their own right. This New South Wales partnership was in action in the first two internationals. (13—9 and 9—12) scalable New Zealant in 1980, Philip Cox had to miss thee third match in the series when Australia succeeded by 25—10, their biggest winning margin over the All Blacks.

The Wallabies' coach is under

Winterbottom's meteoric rise from Headingley to Twickenham

A farmer on the England fringe

that occasion, and yet is no inmess fanatic.

With his shy, almost apologence, and, he explains his predicament.

I often mean to do somes weight training but we're working till 6.30 or seven or later and I never stem to get round to it.

The shape of his day's work an his anche Donald. Sumicriand's farm clearly explains the lack of any need for training. Winter-bottom, who lives with his parents in Otley, arrives at the farm at Ration East, just outside Sidpton, at 7.20. "We milk till about nine, then it's breakfast

farm at Raion East, just outside Skipton, at 7.20. "We milk till about nine, then it's breakfast time. The mornings are spent carrying lay, mucking out and feeding the cattle, and by four o'clock it's time to start milking again. We're on the go all day," Winterbottom tries to gime himself to the ball from the kick-off and not leave it until the final whistle. Most flankers are preeminent at either defence or

final whistle. Most flankers are preeminent at either defence or stack; few are equally effective at both. After the Lantashire match at Kirkstall, one old England player, praising Wimerbottom's defensive qualities, added: "Yd like to see him when he's going forward with the ball in his hands before making any judgment."

Those of us who have watched him davelop during the past four

Those of us who have watched him flavelop during the past four years know well that he is basically a complete player, though still in the making; unitiver merely a destroyer nor a creator but potentially both. One facet of his game that may never blossom is his lineout play. Standing just his lineout play. Standing just off, he will find it increasingly hard as he advances in rugby to compete with the tall men at the back of the line, though Tony.

ball for the whole match. "
His successes have brought great pleasure to friends and family alife but to none more than his father. John Winterbottom, past chairman and president of Headingley and present chairman of the ground committee and match secretary. An attack of policinyelicis during the war prevented his fulfilling early propries, but there are few more

prevented his fulfilling early promise, but there are few more devoted rugby men in the country, Michael, Peter's younger brother, who plays for Headingley Colts, has also wanted with delight. Peter's speedy graduation from a highly promising but virtually unknown flanker to a person of real stature in the game, who may well represent his country at full international level in the next few years.

Meary, a magnificent lineout man, was only fractionally taller. One of the results of his swift advancement in the game is that he has been the willing recipient

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# in the snow

By Steve Elliott
Bhkenhead Park 13 Steaua 11
Steaua Bucharest, on a short tour from Romania, where they are this champions, lost an exhilatating contest in the snowy wastes of Birkenhead Park last night, ecoting two tries and a penalty goal to Park's try and three penalties.

The snow lay four inches deep, but where the lines and touches had been cleared the ground was like concrete; any kick ahead pancaked in the snow and frozen fingers and an ice-covered ball made handling a perilons occupation.

Steama pressed initially, with Alexandru hoisting so high that poor Davis was overwhelmed as he received the ball and a liberal helping of enthusiastic Romanians. Somehow Park withstood the fierce pressure and were soon on the attack themselves, with McHugh, a talenned scrun half, probling and kicking intelligently and his partner, Dubbling, coming close with a drupped goal attempt.

Tata dropped a certain scoring pass after a brilliant Bucharest handling move, but Park led when Alexandru was penalized near the posts for not allowing McNertlin to release and Dobbing kicked the goal. Park relanguished their lead immediately when McHugh collected the kick-off but delayed his clearing it down, collect adrottly and score a fine try, to give the vicitors a 4—3 half-time lead.

Fark regained the lead short of the line, a Bucharest man handled on the ground, and Dobbing kicked the penalty. Alexandra and Dobbing swapped further penalties, but the crucial score was engineered by the admirable McHugh. He chipped to the line, where Dobbing got possession and gave McShane the scoring pass. A brilliant run for Bucharest by Commerce paved the way for a late try by Zamifrescu, but Park just managed to hold on. Contoners pared the way for late try by Zamfireson, but Pari just managed to hold on.

England's Rusby Union 9 prop. Colin White, takes over as captain of Gosforth for their

Cup holders waiting: St. Mary's; the holders, have been drawn against the winners of the matter between Middless and Sr George's In the Huspitals Cup rugby competition, which starts next month.

at full international level in the next few years.

Yet there is no possessity or swank about the young man who was captivatingly referred to in the press not so long ago as Walter Winterbottom. He thoroughly enjoys the occasional game of cricket but finds little or no time to read or to warch television. His life is too full of farming and rugby.

## World 'passport' will make the ring a much safer place

By Srikumer Sen
Bossing Correspondent
The first of the World Boxing
Council's schemes to make the
sing a safer place for boxers goes
late operation near March with
the Introduction of the intermational boxing licence. The
"pessport" which is the concept
of Ray Clarkz, the Secretary of
the British Boxing Board of Confrol will not only stop mismatches
but also medically unfit boxers
from climbing into the ring. The
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## Two Cambridge men make a plum pairing

The draw for the President's Putter, to be played at Rye from January 7-10; has produced a plum in the pairing of Alan Holmes and Michael Reece, both of Cambridge and two of the most experienced players in a strong field of 121 players. Holmes is the holder and Reece the winner in 1976. They have a bye and meet in the second round on the Friday morning.

Ted Dexter, better known in the cricket field, has entered again and will meet N J Grant, again a fellow Light Blue, in the first round on the Thursday

from English rankings

and August I next year. In this venture by the PFA and the PGA, all 92 clubs in the Football League will be invited to emper a team of four in the 36-hole tournament.

Some English rankings

final of the Middland tournament recently be to Dougse Johnson champion whose fortunes have suffered a streaty decline this prospered since its

Equestrianism

### Pyrah wins writers' award

Malcolm Pyrah, the winner of the silver medal in this season's European thampionship, yester-day received the Personality of the Year Award presented by the British Equestrian Writers' Asso-iation.

British Equestrian writers association.
This provided some consolation or the Nottinghamshire rider, who has been forced out of the llympia International champion-ships, starting vesterday, as he is still recovering from a broken collar bone received at the Dublin adoor show in November.

Pyrah, runner-up to Germany's Paul Schockemoble in the Baropean event, also finished second to David Broome in the British earned almost £30,000 with his earned almost estation with his most successful partner. Towers lands Angleanite.
Lesley McNaught, 17-year-old protoge of Ted and Liz Edgar, who won the Enropean junior title, took the Equestrian Writers junior award, the Vivien Earthelos Trophy. Table tennis



Johnson : now well in the public eye

## Lowly England make their place secure

By a Special Currespondent
England's 4—3 win over
Czechoslovakia in the European
Superleague on Wednesday which
made them safe in the top division for another season, was one
of the most surprising and
welcome successes for several
years. Atthough England, runners
up-last April, finished above the
Czechoslovaks last time much has
since changed.

since changed.

European champion John Histon has faded from view, former national champion Paul Day has been kept out from injury and two young players, Dougele Johnson and Graham Sandley have made their first singles appearances. Even at full strength it is always an extremely difficult task to beat Czechosłovakia, who were champions in 1979, on their home territory. On this occasion a weakened side with only one win beat another which was unbeaten, top of the table, and going very well.

partial what has been increasingly apparent recently, that Desmond Douglas, this season unbeaten in the Superleague with eight wins, is playing more than well enough to have a chance of becoming European champion in April. All he needs is a little luck. It also confirmed that Johnson is likely to continue where Hilton left off in keeping confroversy about combination bats before the public

pions, which is fairly remarkable for someone who yesterday was ranked No 3 in his country. As so often with combination bat players, good domestic results are far harder to come by. The joke once was that Hilton used to be No 5 in the world and No 6 in Manchester YMCA. Home players have a chance to inspect the spins at close range more frequently and even to lend a good ear to the different noises of the two different noises of the two different noises. Douglas always sees Johnson off in no time, and Day demolished him almost as rapidly in the Humberside Three Star townsment recently.

That is not intended to discredit Johnson who has improved steadily. To be pitched into a

someone of Orlowski's class and to win was a tremendous triumph of temperament, determination and courage, especially when the Czechoslovak came back from 16—19 to 19-all in the decider. The win paved the way for Douglas to clinch the match almost single-handed.

At 23, Johnson may now have a successful and possibly a spectacular 18 mouths ahead. After that the future is less clear, it is

that the future is less clear. It is hard to see him surviving legisla-tion insisting on different colours to continue where Hilton left off in keeping controversy about combination bats before the public sye.

Johnson so far this year has needed. According to HTS beaten players ranked fifth; sixth sources, next time it may succeed, and eighth in Europe and all of and it is hard not to believe that them—Orlowski. Secretin and Johnson may ultimately be con-Gengely—former European cham.

# Professionals of football and Hilton a notable absentee

John Hilton, the European champion whose fortunes have suffered a strady decline this season, does not appear in the Euglish rankings for the first time since his rise to prominence in the mid-seventies. He was also omitted, from England's European Super League team after one match in September and has first black player to make not reappeared in the squad since it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that Hilton's England prospects like those of others before him, are siffering through a decision to base himself in Germany.

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Sports Council -

#### Scottish aid to improve main grounds

By Isin Mackenzie By Itain Mackenzie

The Scottish Sports Council yesterday gave £500,000 rowards the cost of improving the international association and rugby football grounds at Hampden Park and Murrayfield. At a special meeting in Edinburgh yesterday the Council decided to offer each code £250,000 to the two projects over a period of five years.

The Scottish Rugby Union are building a new stand which will seat \$1,000 to replace the existing East terracing at Murrayfield at a cost of £3.15m. About half the cost is to be raised through an interest-free loan scheme which will guarantee one ticker each year for 20 years for every £400 loamed.

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In Glasgow, the Queen's Park
oothall Club, with assistance
room the Scottish Football Assolation, has embarked on a \$2.3m clation, has embarked on a \$2.3m project to improve and modernize Hampden between now and the end of 1985. The Sports Conncil's offer of a grant towards the cost is subject to the submission and the approval of details of the Hampden Park project.

The Council's chairman Mr Peter Heatly said yesterday:

"Since its inception the Council has argued that every sport in Scotland should have at least one venue capable of housing events

venue capable of housing even; of international standard. Successive governments have endorsed

"Over the years we have helped with the provision of international facilities for several sports, but mainly in rowing, sking, ice sports and cricket. Now we are looking rowards the needs of some others with of some others such as snooker and shooting. But this is the first time we have done anything for Scotland's two major spectator sports".

Mr Heatly said that he believed that the upgrading of both Murrayfield and Hampden was not only desirable but necessary. He was glad to offer this "modest help" on behalf of the Sports Council.

"We would like to do much more but we just cannot afford it", he said. "In any case it is entirely in line with the government's thinking that we should be seen to be supporting self help and not replacing it".

Mr Heady said that he wanted to congratulate both the Scottish Rugby Union and the Scottish Rugby Union and the Scottish Rugby Union and the Scottish Football Association on their initiative. He was glad to be able to offer some assistance to them to ensure that both codes of football would have grounds which Scotland could be proud of.

Mr Ken Hutchison, the Council's Chief Executive, said: "The Council has frequently given grants and offered help to sports throughout the country but this is a diversion. Normally we help the clubs themselves but in this case we are helping the spectators. I believe that is most important for the future of both the rugby and soccer games in Scotland."

For the record

## Basketball

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MOTORING by Peter Waymark

## Driving safely through snow

The surest way to change the weather is to write a piece weather is to write a piece about driving in snow and ice, and by the time these words appear in print it is likely that the entire British Isles will be bathed in sunshifteness with temperatures in the fifties. in the fifties.

The savage weather of the

last week or so did, as usual, catch motorists on the hop, shhoush in our defence it although in our defence it must be said that many of us can go through a whole winter without even seeing a snowflake. That, to a large extent, is the trouble: unlike our counterparts in, say, Scandinavia, we just do not get enough practice in coping

with severe conditions.

How many drivers, as they slid on ice or hard-packed snow, could call upon any formal instruction in skid control? When did they last have to correct a skid? Even have to correct a skur aven at low speed, to lose control of a car can be horrifying and the temptation is to do the worst possible thing and ang on the brakes.
It happened to me more

than once last week. Driving the 5-litre S class Mercedes as smoothly and gently as I could, taking care to dab the brakes and go easy on the throttle I still, on frozen slush, felt the wheels going. Remembering the two golden rules of skid control — feet off the pedals and steer in the direction of the skid — I just kept out of trouble.

Just kept out of trouble.

But after the 'third such episode I decided that cnough was enough and pulled thankfully into the side of the road. Almost opposite, as luck would have it, was a railway station and I joined British Rail's Londonbound commuters for the rest of the journey.

It struck me that a heavy and powerful car like the Mercedes, with automatic transmission that gives less transmission that gives less control over the gears, was not perhaps ideal for the conditions. Crawling along in traffic, with 240 bhp fighting against the footbrake, there was a feeling of not being on top of things. Driving a humble Ford Escort, with manual box, I was much happier.

happier. But the main lesson from the last couple of weeks is that too many motorists simply do not adapt their driving to suit the changed circumstances. They go too fast and do not leave themselves enough space to stop in an emergency. Stopping distances on ice are reckoned to be ten times what they are Then there is the extra-

ordinary reluctance of some drivers to use lights. The law says that dipped headlights bility and blizzards surely come under that heading. Yet it was still possible to count several vehicles making do on sidelights and even no lights at all.

Fitting special winter tyres (sometimes called mud and slush tyres) can help to improve adhesion but since they cost about 10 per cent more than a standard tyre (around E35 to £40 each for a medium fastilly each the medium family car), the investment may not be con-sidered worth it. Not to mention the bother of having to change the wheels each time that snow threatens.



Sporting and civilized — the Ford Fiesta XR2

vets, farmers) and mainly in the north of England and

There is even less demand in Britain for the tungsten tipped spikes, which can be fitted to winter tyres for even better grip. Cost, again, is a factor; more than 100 spikes are needed for a medium sized tyre and this can mean a bill of £20. Germany has banned spikes (except for emergency vehicles) because of the damage they can inflict; in Britain, damaging the road surface is an offence, though the fitting of offence, though the fitting of spikes is not.

Cheaper and handier than winter tyres are snow chains, which are usually sold in pairs and fitted to the driving wheels. They cost just under £50 a pair for a medium family saloon and can be carried in the boot. Tyre manufacturers, partly out of self-interest, tend to sound warnings about chains, claiming they can damage tyres; certainly, careful fitting is necessary.

ation hires chains, but only at its depot in Dover for motorists venturing abroad:

#### **Sporting Fiesta**

High performance versions of popular cars often rep-resent a straight trading of comfort for handling and refinement for speed; sport-ing suspension produces a bone-shaking ride and a lusty engine becomes a revenue engine becomes a raucous one. It is much to Ford's one. It is much to Ford's as an accessory. There are credit, therefore, that the Fiesta XR2 is at the same time exciting enough for enthusiast drivers and sufficiently civilized for trans-

porting grandma.

Though built in Spain, the XR2 was prepared by Ford's Special Vehicle Engineering Department in Essex, and is models, the Polo and the special vehicle Engineering Department in Essex, and is models, the Polo and the special vehicle Engineering Department in Essex, and is models, the Polo and the special vehicles are special vehicles. the second product from the team to appear this year after the excellent Capri 2.8-litre sale in Britain. In developing its "mark two" Polo, VW has injection. The Fiesta has chosen a squarer, almost 1300S model and the 1.6-litre passenger and luggage space, sold in north America.

The car is powered by a

1598cc engine, developing 84bhp and fitted with auto-matic choke, electronic breakerless ignition, sports camshaft and Weber twinventuri carburetter. Ventilated front disc brakes cater for the extra performance and low profile tyres cover the distinctively styled aluminium alloy wheels.

To belo handling and

To help handling and roadholding, damper settings have been changed from the standard Fiesta S specification and there is revised from the standard from the

ever the weather (doctors, high standard of performance and handling is not surprising. With so much Scotland. It points out that power in relation to its size, winter tyres may be difficult the XR2 moves from rest to to obtain for small cars like 60 mph through the gears in just over nine seconds, pulls

105 mph.
On the whole, this brisk progress is not marred by excessive engine noise. There was some vibration when idling and a fifth gear could be helpful for motorway cruising; but at the statutory 70 mph the engine turns over at a fairly relaxed 3,500 rpm and you need to push the needle beyond 4,000 rpm before harshness sets in.

There is some fuel penalty compared with the standard Fiestas, the official figures giving 28.2 mpg in town, 43.5 at 56 mph and 32.8 at 75 mph. The difference is greatest in town driving where the most town driving, where the most economical Fiesta, the 957cc, gives 35.8; on the open road the margin is much less.

Handling is taut and responsive, helped by accurate steering, and the car can be pushed round corners with little roll and plenty of grip from the tyres. The gearbox, too, is crisp and easy to use. The XR2 costs £5,500 and it is clearly aimed at a specialized market. But it is a happy conversion of a bread-and-butter car into a performance model, and sets a standard by which other entrants into this field, such as BL's proposed MG Metro, will be judged.

The car I tried was fitted with a Citizens' Band radio transceiver, which Ford dealers will shortly be selling

Two revised Volkswagen models, the Polo and the Scirocco, have just gone on while extra elbow room is provided by clever shaping of the doors. The 900cc engine has been uprated to 1050cc, with the same 40bhp but better torque and it still runs on two-star fuel. The new range comprises

four versions, with prices from £3,798 to £4,574, and VW expects to sell 25,000 in

the next year.

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## Navan looks survivor

Ireland looks set to stage its hird race meeting in four days t Navan tomorrow, but pros-ects for a revival in England re as grim as ever. The Doncaster and Towcester teetings have already been alled off and at Ascot, where tere is an inspection this after-oon, the outlook is bleak. Capon Nicholas Beaumont, the cirk: the course, said unless there is sudden rise in temperature teing will not be possible. Monday's meetings at Leices-er and Kelso are also unlikely: take place as both courses re covered with frozen snow.

Trainer Roger Fisher and ckey David Goulding, reported the stewards of the Jockey lub last month after Ekbalco's ighting Fifth Hurdle success, ill face its disciplinary committee on Tuesday, January 19.

After Ekbalco's Newcastle victy, the local stewards asked isher and Goulding to explain e horse's improved form pomerd with its running Jehind eight Forwarder in the Long was Hurdle on the same course October. They refused to cept the explanations and ferred the case to Portman unare.

The bookmakers, William Hill, we cut Royal Bond from 8-1 to 1 for the King George VI eeplechase at Kempton Park on the Dog

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Taking a risk in troublesome times to make a dream come true

APPRENDEND APPROACH

# Arbuthnot puts training to test

The mane of David Arbuthnot will appear in the list of those given licences to train under Jockey Club rules for the first time next year. However, while his name may be unfamiliar to the majority of racing followers his face is not to those of us who patrol the racecourse day in, day out; he has spent the last six years assisting Fulke Johnson Houghton at Blewbury and during, that time he has become almost part and parcel of the everyday racing scene.

Little though be realized his earlier years spent with George Fairbain, Ken. Oliver, Tony Balding and Brian Marshall, were clearly destined to help pave the way for him to become the proud owner of Eastbury. Cottage stables in the little Earkthire village of Eastbury, which straddles the Newbury-Lambourn road.

I found him there yesterday coping edmirably with all the day to-day problems of training racehorses—regardless whether they be jumpers or Flat, they still need looking after 24 hours a day—when show, frost and fee tends to make life that much more hazardous.

Some might describe setting up shop at the height of a recession foolhardy or just plain madness; Arbuthnot clearly does not even though the price that he has paid has been high and he risk that he has taken correspondingly deep: "I loved my time with fulke but recession or not the moment had come to have a go myself, and now that I am doing it I am so much happler."

That contemment showed in the eyes and the voice of this 28-year-old bachelor as he showed me his house with evident pride. Here was the king of his own castle, a dream come true. Maybe only nine horses, his yard and his house with evident pride. Here was the king of his own castle, a dream come true. Maybe only nine horses are there already but they are the apple of his eye and there are more in the pipeline. In fact, he expects to start next season with a string of 16.

It is these early days that are the reports time from the line of hard when the last that which you must prove yourself, have winters and create business; otherwise i

His bank, of course, has uniderplaned the whole operation. To the unigitiated, let alone those conversant with the problems, the cost of setting up as a trainer these days must almost be comparable with scaling Everest Vetolege down I feel that given the luck that any trainer needs, this young man has it in him to climb the highest peaks.

His father, Sir Hugh, is currently the master and huminan of the ledforest Hounds. Before that he was the master and huminan of the Duke of Buccleugh's Hounds, and before that the Cotswold and the Ludlow. Not surprising, against that backcloth David Arbuthnot's early life was spent riding, hunting, point to pointing and generally living among the elements before the even got the racing bug. It is a background that can only provide the sort of adventurous spirit that will ensure success in racing.

In racing there have been glaring examples, in recent years of people starting from scratting who is more like a Girl Friday the success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's insistence that when success will be theirs. No two could be working harder today and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason for that is Arbuthnot's early and the reason

they have enjoyed are now his inspiration.

For the beginner one difficulty is obviously recruiding owners. Another is buying yearings that you like and want in a highly competitive market. Always the number of horses promised seldom matches the number that eventually arrive for such is human nature. Among those who are currently helping Arbuthnor's career as a trainer to achieve lift-off are Mrs

trainer to achieve lift-off are Mrs C. Y. Bennett; har daughter, Mrs Dick Crutchley; Dr and Mrs John Hobby; George Ward and Lady Scott. They all had and still have horses in training with Fulke Johnson Houghton at Blewbury and it was there that they got to know Arbuthnot, appreciate his qualifies and decide to try to belp him on his way. "Others," says Arbuthnot, "simply say that once you show that you can do it they will send you something. So you have got to prove yourself. It is perfectly fair, but nevertheless, expensive at the time.

"Buying this yard was in the seventies (thousands that is);

which top trainers in the area charge.

Arbuthnot is doing a good job if the look of the horses, currently sheltered in Eaghbury Cottage stables, are any criterion. Indeed, it could be said that they are a walking advertisement for the Natripet nut, not that I knew anything about it before I went there. It is food relatively new to the equine manager and the mastermind of George Jackson, who, together with his wife, has had borses in training with Fred Winter, among others, for a number of years. Arbuthnot is convinced that the quality and price of Australian, Canadian and Scottish cats have deterjorated or escalated to such an effect escalated to such an effect recently that Nutripet nuts are the answer to modern feeding of raceborses.

As far as Arbuthnot is con-cerned the proof of the pudding or, to be more precise, the results of that answer are now just around the corner. John Reid, Steve Cauthen and Dennis McKay are the inchess he intende Reid, Sieve Campen and Denns McKay are the jockeys he intenda calling upon when and if they are available in 1982 and he could not have chosen better allies, no matter-how well the horse is on the day and the eventual result is invariably in the hands of the place. In that respect a trainer's pilot, in that respect a trainer's life is one of nerves, but if Arbuthnot was living on his nerves yesterday I tid not detect, them even though his bank manager may have been breathing down his neck.

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CONST CHALCOM \$1.00 On the Town, London entertainments. 11.30 News headlines and weather. 11.35 Film: Arabella (1967) starring Terry.

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9.00 News

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BBC 1

· 12.30 News After Noon: with Richard Whitmore

\$.35 Play School. For the under-fives (shown

4.20 Cartoon: Mighty Mouse in the Wolf (r). 4.25 Jackanory. Willie Rushton reads a Winnie

the Pook story (r).

4.40 Cartoon: Captain Caveman in The

Disappearing Elephant Mystery.

4.50 Crackerlack. Fun and games with The Krankies and Stu Francis.

5.35 The Amazing Adventures of Morph introduced by Tony Hart (r).

5.40 News read by Richard Baker, 6.00

Regional news magazines; 6.22 Nation including, at 6.45 Sportswide.

7:00 Team Disco. From London's Hammersmith
Palais, Peter Powell presents the final of
the National Association of Youth Clubs
Team Disco Dance Championships.

-7.45 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Bob goes to a tuneral.

8.15 Terry and June look forward to an expenses-free weekend away.

8.45 Points of View with Barry Took and

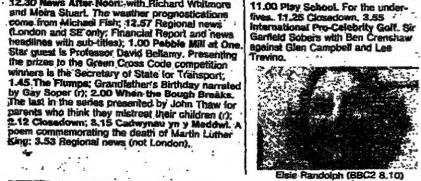
9.25 Kessler. The last in the series about the hunt for a former war criminal. 10.20 International Show Jumping from the

Thomas. Virna Lisi and Margaret
Rutherford, Terry Thomas plays four parts
and in each of them he is duped by the
beautiful Arabella (Virna Lisi). Ends at 1.05.

Grand Hall, Olympia.

partier on BBC2).

BBC 2 11.00 Play School. For the under-fives. 11.25 Closedown. 3.55 International Pro-Celebrity Golf. Sir Garfield Sobers with Ben Crenshaw



4.45 War at Sea: Battleship

Ludovic Kennedy (r). 5.30 Film: Tarzan's Desert

6.40 Hold Down a Chord. Folk

8.55 News with sub-titles. 7.00 Oxford Road Show. Opinion.

8.10 Playhouse: Dancing Country by Peter Buckman, The machinations of an old-age

Jackley and John Judkin.

9.00 The Mike Harding Show. The last in the repeat series featuring the diminutive

9.30 in Transit. A behind-the-sco

opening night. 10.20 World's End. The last in the

19.50 Newsnight. World news plus an extended look at one of the

stories that made today's headlines.

Jonathan King, Malcolm McLaren, the founder of the Sex Pistois, Kevin Mulhern, singer Sue Wilkinson, Russel Davies and author D. M.

Thomas. Ends at 12.30.

1.35 Friday Night . . . Saturday Morning presented by Jane Walmsley: Her guests are actress Meureen Lipman,

Lancastrian comic. Recorded a the Grand Theatre, Blackpool,

look at the making of a West Indian musical from the first day of rehearsals to the

series about the customers of The Mulberry Pub located in a London village.

Mystery (1943) starring

guitar lessons fròm John Pearse.

and entertainment live from the Manchester studios.

In the Country. Phil Drabble looks behind the scenes at the small Donnington Brewery in the Cotswolds.

pensioners' dancing club. Starring Elsie Randolph. Nat

Bismarck. The story of how the pride of the German Navy was stalked and sunk. Presented by

9.30 Cartoon: Shoetly, 9.40 The World We Live in. Water shortage and pollution, 10.05 Echo of the Wild. John Aspinali's tree range zoo (r), 11.05

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the Wild. John Asphall's free range zoo (r), 11.05 Welcome Back, Kotter. Comio escapades in an American high school, 11.30 The Further Adventures of Offiver Twist. Dodger slips back into his dipping ways (r). 12.00 A Handfut of Songs sung by Keith Field and Maria Morgan for the very young. 12.10 Once Upon a Time. Mark Wynter tells the story of The Wishing Pond. 12.30 Looks Familiar (r). 1.00 News, 1.20 Tharnes news, 1.30 Tatf Acre. The last episode of the series and the Johnsons have a tee party. 2.00 After Noon Ptus. Christmas presents if money was no object. 2.45 Christinas presents if money was no object. 2.45 Film: Nowhere to Hide (1977) starring Lee Van Cliff. Government Marshal Scanlar has to protect a mobster before he testifies against his former

4.15 Cartoon: Tweety Pie in Tweet Zoo. 4.20 Storybook International. Riches or Happiness narrated by late Blair.

4.45 Freetime. Mick Robertson with ideas for spare time during the Christmas holidays. 5.15 White Light. The problems of living away from home. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and

Rita Carter. 6.30 Tharnes Sport. Derek Thompson and Susan King with news of the sporting fixtures in and around London over the

7.00 Film: Planet of the Apes (1967) starring Chariton Heston and Roddy McDowell. Science fiction story about a group of American astronauts who travel bac years in time and crash land on an unidentified planet. One of their number dies and the remainder are hunted and captured by horse-riding gorillas.

9.00 The Gentle Touch. Det-Insp. Maggie Forbes investigates the murder of a care owner. The only possible witness is a young girl heroin addict.

10.30 Soap. Another episode of bizarre comedy featuring the Tales and the Campbells.

Andrew Phillips, London's Teenage Tramps. Since Johnny Go Home first exposed the

problem of youngsters coming to London in search of jobs their plight has become

wearen or jobs their plight has become much worse. The London Programma . tonight reports on the hundreds of teenagers who are unable to find casual work or a bed for the night — and the increasing danger of their being drawn into vice and crime.

11.35 Police 5. Shaw Taylor tells us how we can assist the constabulary in their fight against

11.45 Strumpet City. Episode seven and the Dublin strike seems to be folding. Either the men go back to work or go to fight in Flanders.

12.45 Close with Claire Rayner reading a love

11.00' The London Programme presented by

10.00 News.

Radio 4 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Parming Today 6.30 Today 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Casteway: author Harry Patterson 9.45 Ebdon's England. 10.00 News 10.02 International Assignment 10.30 Daily Service Morning Story: "Jackie the Jibber" by Brian Glanville

Jibber" by Brian Glamville
11.00 News
11.05 You the Jury
11.30 Bird of the Week: The Robin
12.00 News
12.02 You and Yours
12.27 The Senior Partner (series)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers
2.00 News
2.02 Women's Hour from Northern Ireland 3.00 News 3.02 Play: "Hal" by Charlotte Hastings
4.05 Poetry Please!
4.15 Herbs, Useful Plants (last in series) Grow Your Own
4.45 Story Time: "Tell Sally" by
Magda Szabo (5)
5.00 PM: News Magazine

5.55 Weather 6.00 News and Financial Report 6.30 Going Piaces 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pict of the Week.† 8.10 Profile 8.20 Arc Crestions? 8.30 Any Questions

9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Kelentoscope
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Torright
10.35 Week Ending ;
11.00 A Book at Bedame: "The
Orchid Trilogy" (9)
11.15 The Financial World Torright
11.30 Today in Parliament
11.45 Gyn Worship with BBC Sound
Archives

Archives
12.00 News and Weather
VHF: 8.25 Weather, 10.30 Listen
with Mother, 5.50 PM (continued), 11.00 Study on 4 Radio 3 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. Stratiss,
Alexant. Chopin, Dvorak;

8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (continued). 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer. Kodely; records † 10.00 Songs and Chamber Music. Recital: Coupern, Topett, 10.00 Songs and Chamber Music.
Recital: Couperin, Tippett,
Purcell, Bach.
10.55 Utah Symptomy Orchestra.
Concert: Barber. Saeverud,
Copland.†
11.35 Cello and Piano. Recital:
Myaskovsky, Bridge.†
12.20 Midday Concert. BBC Northern
Symptomy Orchestra concert,
Part 1: Wagner, Lutoolawski.†
1.00 Nows.
1.05 Midday Concert. Part 2:
Beethoven,†

WESTWARD

As London except: Starts 9.40
Sesame Street. 10.40 Rocket Robin
Hood. 11.05 Spy Extraordinary.
11.35-12.00 Hands. 1.20-1.30 News.
2.45-4.15 Film: Young Pionoers'
Christmas (Roger Kern). Grief-stricken
couple help a neighbour. 5.15-5.45
Adventures of Niko. 6.00 Westward
Diary. 7.00-9.00 Film: Operation
Crossbow (George Peppard, Tom
Courlney). Search for Hitler's rocket
sites. 10.32 News. 10.35 Pans by
Night. 11.00 Film: Nenny (Bette Davis,
William Dix), Suspense thriller of a
nanny with a dark secret\*. 12.35 am
Feith For Life. 12.41 Closedown.

CHANNEL '

As Lundon except: Starts 12.30 pm-1.00 Looks Familiar. 1.20-1.30 News.

1.00 Looks Familiar. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Film: Young Ploneers Christmas (Roger Karn), Griot-stricken couple help a neighbour. 5.15-5.45 Adventures of Niko. 6.00 Chantel Report, 6.35 Brown Study. 7.00-9.00 Film: Operation Crossbow (George Peppard). Search for Hiller's rocket.

hitpe. 10.28 News. 10.35 Parts by hight. 11.00 Film: Nanny (Bette Davis) Suspense thriffer of a nanny with a dark secret.". 12.35 am Closedown.

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Radio 1 5.00 As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Smort Bates, 11,30 Dave Lee Travic, 2.00 Paul Burnett, 5,30 Newsbeat, 5,45 Roundtable, 7.00 1.55 Sergio Abreu. Gustar recutal: Dowland, Britten, f

Night and the Musici

Andy Peebles. 10,00 The Friday Rock Showt 12,00 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2 5,00 With Radio 2, 10,00 With Radio 1, 12,00-5,00mm With Radio 2. 2.25 Takacs Quartet. String Quartet recital: Bartok, Dvorak.† Williamson and Crosse. Chamber music and Song

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recital †
4.00 Choral Evensong in Blackburn

Cathedral.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Meanly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Play if Again. Prewew.
7.00 Die Messersinger von Numberg. Act One. Recorded at the 1981 Bayreuth Fastival.†
8.45 Poetry 81. The 1981 National Poetry Competition: results.
9.30 Music in our Time. Works by four American composers.†

four American composers † 10.30 The Did Magician by Peter

Radio 2

5.00 Ray Moore! 7.30 Terry Wogan†
10.00 Jemmy Young† 12.00 John
Duren† 2.00 Ed Stewert† 4.00 David
Hamilton† 5.45 News. 6.00 David
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11.00 News. 11.05 Purcell on record.† VHF 11.20pm Open University.

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As Thames except: 1.20-1.30
Lunchilme. 2.45 Film: The Young
Ploneers' Christmas. After the death of
their infant son, Molly and David
Beston, young ploneers in the Dakota
Tertitory of the 1970s, tace a
sorrowful Christmas. Starring Roper
Kern, Linde Puri and Robert Hayes.
4.12-4.15 Uister News. 6.15-5.45
Survival. 7.00 Film: Living Free. The
story of Stea, the world's best-known
lioneas, and her three cubs. Starring
Nigel Davenport. Susan Hampshire
and Geoffrey Keen. 8.36-8.00 Berson,
10.30 Wilness. 10.35 Lou Grant,
11.30 Bedtime.

SOUTHERN

As London except: 9.30 Untamed World. 9.55 Poetry of Landscape. 10.10 Story Hour. 11.10 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.35-12.00 Christmas Star. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25-4.15 Film: Captain's Courageous (Karl Maiden) A rich, spoilt boy is rescued at see by rough and fough fishermen. 5.15-5.46 Hera's Boomer. 8.00 Day by Day. 8.00 Scene South East. 6.30 Entertainers: Etitle Brooks. 7.00-9.00 Film: Two Rode Toogéther (James Stewart) Trouble as a Together (James Stewart) Trouble as a wagon train enters Comanche country, 10.35 Film: Counterfeit Traitor (William Holden) A double agent at work, 1.05em Weather followed by Rome

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As London except: Starts 9.25 am
European Folk Tales, 5.40 Something
Ditterent, 9.55 Lost lelands, 10.20 & a
Musical World, 11,10-12,00 Cities:
Berän, 1.20 pm-1.30 News, 2.45-4.15
Film: Young Ploneers' Christmas
(Roger Kern), Grief-stricken-couple
help a neighbour, 5.15-5.45 Here's
Boomer: 6.00 ATV-Todsy, 7.00-9.00
Film: Duel at Diablo (Sidney Politer,
James Garner). White and black men

As London except: 9.30 Larry the Lamb. 9.45 Sesame Street. 10.45 Belley's Bird. 11.10-12.00 Young Ramsay. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Fini: Intruder (Jack Hawkins). An ex-Army officer finds a wartime subordinate rifling his desk. 5.15-5.45 Bygones. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30 That's Hollywood. 7.00 Fam: Three Musketeers (Oliver Reed, Michael York). 10.30 Wintersport. 11.00 Goffing Greats: Sam Snead. 11.30 News. 11.33 Closedown. lews, 11.33 Closeck

**GRANADA** 

As London except: 9.30 Animated Classics: Moby Dick. 10.15 Last Of The Wild. 10.35 Balley's Bird. 11.00-12.00 Sesume Street. 1.20-1.30 12.00 Sesume Street. 1.20-1.30 12.45 Scruples: Comedy. 3.40-4.15 Sail Ameterdam. 5.15-5.45 Here's Boomer. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30 Kick Off. 7.00-9.00 Film: Three Muskeleers (Oliver Reed, Michael York). 10.30 Week On Friday. 11.00 Roots, 11.30 Film: Draculs AD 1872 (Peter Cushing) The Chalses party set meet the Count. 1.15am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.30 am Cry of the Guf. 9.55 History of the Car. 10.20 Story Hour: 11.10 Picasso. 11.55-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45 Cartoon. 2.50-4.15 Film: Magnificent Magical Magnet of Sante Meza Offichael Burns). Absent-minded scientist invents a magic magnet and causes chace. 5.15-5.45 Gaffer. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.25 Sports Extra. 6.45 Hear Here. 7.00 Benson. 7.30-9.00 Film: Street Fighter (Charles Bronson, Jemes Coburn). A drifter and a fustier set up Rogal street lights. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 That's Hollywood, 11.30 Curling. 12.15 am

ANGLIA As London except: 9.30 am Larry The Lamb, 9.40 Christmas Star. 10.05 Cines: New York, 10.55 Darts. 11.50-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25-4.15 Film: Harold Lloyd's World of Comedy\*. Compliation of silent comedy extracts from the 1920s and 1930s. 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.00 About Angles. 7.00-9.00 Film: Assessination Bureau (Oliver Reed, Diana Rigg), Journalist investigates an outbreak of killings. 11.00 Members Only Christmas Quiz. 11.30 Film: Viking Queen floor Nurray) Viking Queen advocates peace, which causes unrest among her beiligerent family. 1.10 am England's Nazareth.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.30am Larry The Lamb. 9.40 Christmas Star. 10.05 Young Ramsay, 11.00 Puppy Who Wanted A Boy. 11.25 Welcome Back Kotter, 11.55-12.00 Wattoo Wa For Love (Tom Bell, Joan Colli After are explosion a physicist finds himself firms in a different world. 5.15-5.45 Here's Scoper. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30 Sport. 7.00-6.00 Film: Three Musketsers (Oliver Read, Michael York), 10.30 Bowls, 11.00 Film; Crescendo, Stefanie Powers goes to stay with the composer's wide finds herself in mortal danger.

TYNE TEES

As Lendon except Starts 9.20 em
Good Word, 9.25 Newn, 9.30 Stars on
Ice, 9.55 Coral World, 10,40 Cartoon
10.50 Harrison's Yukon, 11.20-12.00
In's Hercules the Wrectling Bay 1.20
pm-1.30 News, Lookaround, 2.45-4.15
Film: Big Job (Sidnoy James, Sylvia
Sims). "Carry On" humour but with a
different gang, 5.15-5.48 Cillien
House Myslory, 8.00 News, 6.02
Sportstime, 6.30 Northern Life, 7.009.00 Film, Hot Rock, Robott Rediord,
George Sagati, Two man commit an
almost impossible thelt, 10,30 News,
10.32 Friday Live, 12.00 Superstar
Profile: Woody Aflon, 12.30 am Poel's
Cerner, 12.35 Closedown

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As London except: Starts 9.40 am
First Thing. 9.45 it's Hercules the
Wrustling Boar 10.35 Target the
Impossible. 11.00 Ireland of
Welcomes. 11.50-12.00 Larry line
Lamb. 1.20 pen-1.30 Nowo, 2.45-4.15
Film: Make Me an Oller (Peter Finch,
Adrienne Corri). Cemedy in the
antiques world 5.15-5.45 Nappy Days.
5.00 North Tonight. 7.00-9.00 Film:
Three Muskoteers (Oliver Red.,
Michael York), 10.30 SWAT, 11.30
Curling. 12.15 am News. 12.20
Closedown.

As London except: Starts 10.00
Sesame Stroot 11.00 Wonders of the Underwater World. \*1.30 Fantstones.
11.35-12.00 Cortoon. 1.20pm-1.30
News 2.45 Cartoon. 2.50-4.15 Film:
How To Break Up A Happy Divorce
(Barbara Eden, Hal Linden). Divorces into the Wood. Hal Linden). Divorces thes to win back her ex-husband 5.15-5.45 How's Your Father. 6.00
Report West. 6.20 Problet Roger
Moore. 10.26 News. 10.30 State Of The Wood. 11.00 Film Carnation Killer
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By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

Dressings which could be infected with tetanus or other bacteria have been sold for a number of years in Britain in home, car and office first-aid kirs. They should be treated with suspicion and burnt, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

Tests are being carried out at the Public Health Labora-tories, Colindale, north Lon-don, to discover what organisms are present in the dressings imported from India. The discovery that the dressings being sold by a cer-

tain Indian exporter were not sterile was made in Australia, when a woman developed gas gangrene after dressing a

The Australian health authorities warned other importers about the danger and the British Department of Health issued a hazard notice on

The absorbent wound dressings are non-adhesive and are labelled Standard Dressing

had decided that the appeal for £500,000 could not be

His decision caused con-fusion at the National Trust, which met yesterday in the

hope of using a government contribution as a launching

pad for a national appeal for the rest of the cost.

The property is being sold

as a going concern by the family which has owned it

since the eighteenth century. The spectacular coastline and

End, ministers decide

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

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The spectacular coastline and tremendous sort of incentive its romantic associations make on which to launch an appeal.

Ministers decided yesterday Land's End one of the most

BPC, which stands for British Pharmaceutical Codex, and implies that they are prepared to British standards. They carry neither the brand nor the manufacturer's name.

The Department emphasized yesterday that it was highly unlikely that rare bacteria, such as gangrene or borulism (both members of the same bacterial family) would be found, but it was less unlikely that tetanus would be discovered since it was more common in India.

The main point to be remem-bered was that they were not sterile so any organism could be present, the Department

Using one was equivalent to dressing a wound with a clean handkerchief. It might appear clean, but could have become contaminated because it had been in contact with the air. The Department has asked the importers for samples to test and sales have been frozen. The results will be known next week.

Rumours of a sale began in September, and Humberts Landplan, who have managed

the property for many years, have received many inquiries from potential buyers in Britain and abroad.

The trust said that it considered the £1m a fair offer, although it believed that the

asking price was probably £1.75m. The trust is in a

dilemma", a spokesman said.
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fair offer would have been a

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Bur among some Conservative councillors, jubilation become more muted as they examined the details of the judgent. "A prescription for chaos" was an early reaction by a senior Tory councillor who had been invited to brief Mr Howell on the iplications of the ruling. Conservatives also seemed surprisingly reluctant to refer the issue to the district auditor so that Labour councillors would personally be proceeded No public cash for Land's against for the losses the GLC

is thought by moderate Labour GLC members to have strengthened Mr Livingstone's position. As well as the back-ing of the Labour group on the fare issue, he may win the support of the three Liberal! SDP Alliance members who have publicly deplored Brom-lusts action. It will be three to four weeks

Tories are

about GLC

but for local government

throughout the country. It turned back "sixty years of social provision by local auth-orities and puts us back into a climate of opinion that says

a councillor's prime aim is to

Mr David Wetzel, chairman of the GLC's transport com-mittee, said that concessionary

fares for children and old

people might have to go, Traffic congestion, as a result of closure of bus and Under-

ground routes, would increase by up to 8 per cent.

The ruling provoked a call from Sir Horace Cutier, leader of the council's Conservative

group, for Mr Livingstone to

uneasy

ruling

keep rates down".

before Bromley's 114,000 rare-payers get their money back, Mr Barkway said yesterday. About 65 per cent of them had already started paying by bankers' orders and other methods and 15 per cent had pendy had been handed over to the GLC.

The "fares fair" scheme, a main plank of the GLC Labour

group's election manifesto, began on October 5. Minimum fares on buses dropped from 12 to 10p and some people found their travel costs

Great North Road, Great North-eru Railway, road and rail trans-port in the Welwyn, Hatfield area, Old Mill House Museum, Mill Green, Hatfield, Herts, 10 to

Q. Pringle, Graves Art ry, Surrey Street, Sheffield,

William Havell bicentenary exhibition, Spink and Son, 5 King Street, St James's, 9.30 to 5.30 (last day).

Glimpses of Medical History and The Science and Art of Medicine, Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine, Science Museum, 10

Henry Lamb, New Grafton Gallery, 42 Old Bond Street, 10

York Musical Society concert, York Minster, 7.30.

City of Birmingham Symphony rchestra, Birmingham Town

Bonhams, Montpeller Street

Phillips, Blenhelm Street silver and plate, 9 to 10.30; fur

niture, carpets, objects; water-colours and drawings; oil paint-ings; antique and modern jewelry, all 9 to 4.30.

Football: Third division, Mill-wall v Plymouth Argyle (7.30); fourth division, Colchester United v Crewe Alexandra (7.30). Other matches off.

BBC 1: 10.20, International Show

Jumping BBC 2: 3.55, International Pro-celebrity Golf ITV: 6.30, Thames Sport

at Olympia (1.30 and

Sporting fixtures

Auctions today

Music

Hall. 11.

Viewing '



The loser Mr David Wetzel (above), GLC transport com mittee chief, and the victors, Mr Brian Reading (left) Bromley Council chairman, and councillor Demis Barkway



#### Foot issues double challenge to Benn

In the face of the ouskinght Mr Benn remained impessive, bur some of his supporters were outraged. Mr Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, stormed out of the meeting and told waiting reporters that it had been "a complete intade against Tony Bean ",

Perhaps the best received speech was that of Mr Mellish He disclosed that in October he had applied for the Chil-tern Hundreds, but had withdrawn the application after talking to Mr Foot.

Mr Foot, winding up the debate made tw odirect challenges to Mr Benn, He denied Mr Benn's assertion that MPs had threatened to defect unless he took action against Mr Tatchell. He said Mr Benn should say who those people were And he asked Mr Benn to renounce the "hit Est which appeared in London Labour Briefing, of those London MPs who had backed Mr Denis Healey in the deputy

Denis Healer in the deputy leadership contest.

Mr Foot again defended his action over disowning Mr Tatchell, saying that the article Mr Tarchell had written about extra parliamentary activity at such a time in a constituency such as Southwark, Bermond sey, would have given ammuni tion to Labour's opponents.

He denied that he was pro-posing a witch hunt, but added: "There are more broomsticks in Bermondsey than anywhere else." In a strong appeal for unity, he urged the party in the ne wyear to carry out a self-denying ordinance against mursal attacks.

mutsal attacks.

Labour's predicament is highlighted today in a Gallup pole in The Daily Telegraph, which indicates that more than the Social Democrat-Liberal alliance, and that the SDP has increased its support by a third in the past month. Only 23.5 per cent of the voters polled supported Labour and 23 per cent the Conservatives.

Gallup questions 346 Gallup questioned 846 elec-14. Their voting preferences, with the previous month's findings in brackets, were: Conservative, 23 (26.5); Labour, 23.5 (29); Liberal, 14.5 (15); SDP, 36 (27); Others, 3 (2.5).

#### Frank Johnson on Lord Scarman

## Stripped of his high office of Nice Judge

Labour MPs yesterday over Tory councils to push up turned their previous ruling fares."

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on Lord Scarman.

Mrs. Thatcher replied that their decision, which was this was a legal judgment, unanimous, came after they The Labour benches rang beard that five Law Lords, with cries of "Political one of whom was Lord Scar Political " (Random man, that that morning rhought: politics must be the decided that the Labour only activity in the world controlled Greater London whose practitioners use the Council's subsidy to bus and name of their profession as a Underground fares was term of abuse. It is as if a lifegal. In a series of care—gathering of doctors abused fully worded and weighty one mother with cries of screams and heckles from the Medical! Medical!" End Labour benches all after ef random thought) noon. Opposition members: Later, Mrs. Thatcher con-

of the dispossessed.

It was an afternoon which made legal alstory. Lord Bidwell tried to rival Mr Scaman was stripped of the great office of Nice Judge.

In all farness to the hard Labour left, a should be emphasized that real left-wingers have probably never shared stripe septimental view of Lord Scaman. Their line is that, in conditions of capitalist modes of production, all judges are, as the jargon has it, "objectively" Tory—no matter how many West Indeed the seed bands they subject themselves to down in Brix week. But the issue was subject themselves to down in Brix week. But the issue was subject with the issue was subject themselves to down in Brix week. But the issue was subject when the left winger Mr Sydney. But with Mr As an intention with Mr As a Londoner. To establish his authority to speak with his a

servatives of that class were smell of bacon and eggs that as dismayed as the hard left pervades this chamber." Mr in the Commons yesterday. Prin said he would gladly do They united to berate Mrs so if he could trace the Thancher at Prime Minister's source.

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Question Time. Alas, one keeps on telling Mr Skinner, of the hard all those Labour cockneys not Alas, one keeps on telling left was the first to raise the all those Labour cockneys not matter. He protested to her to bring into the chamber about the apparent con their masted egg and bacon spiracy of Law Lords and sandwiches.

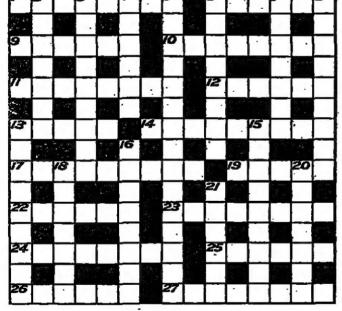
## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### Today's events

Royal engagements Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attends Court Lunch-con given by The Worshipful Company of Gardeners, Savile Club, Brook Street, 12,45. Exhibitions Guild of Lakeland Craftsmen

winter exhibition, Whitehaven Museum, Market Place, White-haven, Cumbria, 10 to 5. Exhibition by Kodak, Yorkshire Post Building, Wellington Street, Leeds, 9 to 5.30.

#### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,709



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Prosaic practical way to one's daily bread (8) 6 Hurt me inside severely (6) 9 Cuts about half a coat
- 10 No good looks single us out
- 11 Lock holding well prevent this (8) 12 Sauce from two sailors (6)
- 13 Arctic river, the French river 14 A cut in £25 inheritance (9)
- 17 Practise writing and pleasing
- 19 Jump about, king (5) 22 In particular,
- farmer's wife (6) 23 Belgian Moll? (8) 24 Give me back crackers and
- cheese (8) 25 A number take sport with this air target (6) 26 German translation - a crib
- 27 At the present time, you heartlessly let mongrel die (8)

2 Provincial sort of oration (7) 3 Thrill to George Bernard's

tube (4-5) could be awkward (9)



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow Jumbo Prize Crossword on Thursday, December 24

Navajo Indians, land and people, photographic exhibition, Horniman Museum, London Road, SE 23, 10.30 to 6. Bonhams, Monipeller Street: Chinese ceramics, works of art, paintings and smill bottles, 10.30 and 2; prints, 11. Christie's, South Kensington: printed books, 10.30; Art Nouveau and Art Deco, 10.30. Phillips, Blenheim Street: silver and plate, 11. Sotheby's Bond Street: carpets, 10; furniture, 11.

- - 8 HMS Siva (9) 13 Fancy supply of paper sent by
  - 16 Creator of Genesis.
  - 18 Turkish pouffe (7) 20 Silver ring touching bottom



Sport on TV.

Commons (9.30): Debate on unications in London and the Loday's anniversaries

Joseph John Thomson, physicist, born at Cheerham Hall near Manchester, 1856. Antonio Stradivari died at Cremona, Italy,

Parliament today

#### Roads

Only light fresh snowfalls in Scotland, E Yorkshire and Cornwall, but some roads in Scotland, Pennines, N England and Wales still closed, including A939, Cotkbridge Road in Aberdeenishire, A57, Socke Pass and ASS in Lancashire, Horseshoe Pass in Snowdoma. Roads remain very ley and M56 in North Wales reduced to Duncan Grant, Works on Paper, Anthony d'Offay, 9, Dering Street, New Bond Street, 10 to 5.30 (last two lanes; speed limits likely on motorways. Freezing fog also widespread, not ug southwards; drivers advised to exercise great

Noadworks:
North: A535: Alderiey Road,
Chelford closed between railway
bridge and Curbishley Brook;
diversion. A56: Roadworks at
Hoole roundabout, Chester.
A6023: Roadworks at Denaby Pastures Canal Bridge, Yorkshire

Wales and West: A40: Road Wales and West: A40: Road-works at Whitemill, Dyfed, A33: Westbound, lane closures at Hal-don Hill, Heathfield and north-bound between Drybridge and Dean Prior, A483: Roadworks at Llaubister, A9: Blasting in pro-gress from Broxden to Burnside Lodge each weekday, I to 3. Midlands: A14: Southbound

pass.

Roadworks may be cancelled if weather becomes unsuitable. tion supplied by AA and

lane closure on Huntingdon by-

#### The papers

The Washington Post said yes-terday it was becoming clear that General Jaruzelsid, who may mean to spare Poland the bloodier and costlier results of Russian intervention, "is doing the Soviet's dirty work for them".

While accepting the Lords' decision that GLC fare reductions were allegal, the Dafiy Mirror demands the law be changed. "When 939,451 votes for Labour in May count for less than five votes in the Lords in December, where does that leave leave demands."

#### Top box office films

The top 10 films in London: 2 The French Lieutenant's

An American Werewolf In Mommie Dearest

The Fox and the Hound For Your Eyes Only Kentucky Fried Movie/The

Raiders of the Lost Ark Dressed to Kill/The Amityville Horror The top five in the provinces: The Fox and the Hound

3 An American: Warewolf in London. 4 Toe French Lieutenant's

5 Midnight Express/McVicar

#### The Pound

Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada S Denmark Kr 11.05 1.24 2350.00 Italy Lic Portugal Esc South Africa Rd Spain Pta Sweden Kr Switzerland Fr

Sales for small denbinination bank notes only, as supplied vesterday by Sarciays Bank International. London: The FT Index fell 1.9 po 518.7. New York: The Dow Jones in-

#### Food prices

Severe weather conditions have restricted supplies of home grown vegetables, so prices are likely to be higher than normal. But fruit, either imported or from cold stores, is generally maffected.

Poultry, including turkeys, is pieutiful and no abnormal price rises are amticipated. Ports and lamb prices are generally steady, but beef prices are continuing to rise, with topside at around £2

#### Aid for Poland

Cheques and postal orders to:
Save the Children Fund, 157,
Clapham Road, London SW9 OFT
(tel: 01-582 1414), or The Ockenden Venture (Poland), Guidford
Road, Woking GU22 7UU (tel:
04862 72012).
Timed foods, well packaged
baby foods, toilet paper or soap
(no jars or perishables) can be
donated at any Oxfam office or
shop

#### Times world-wide

Noon in London is: 7 am in New York; 4 am in San Fran-cisco; 9 pm in Tokyo; 11 pm in Camberra; 2 pm in Johannesburg; 4 pm in United Arab Emirates; 3 pm in Kenya; 1 pm in Nigeria; 3 pm in Moscow; 8 pm in Hong-Bohz.

- Tomorrow is the last posting day for Christmas for first class

Christmas mail

Children can telephone Santa Claus until December 29 for a story. The number in Lon-don is 246. 8020. In most other

Phoning Santa Claus

#### Weather

move E over France while a very cold N or NE airstream will persist over Britain.

6 am to midnight

London: Rather cloudy, perhaps a little snow at first, clarer later; wind ME, fish or strong, becoming M, moderate; mor temp 1C (34F) SE Empland, East Amplia: Rather cloudy, scattered snow showers, specially near coasts, perhaps some longer outbreaks of snow at first; wind NE, fresh or strong, becoming N, moderate or fresh; grazz temp 0 to 26 522 to 3671.

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#### Lighting up time Lendon 4.22 par to 7.33 am

est quarter: 5.47 ans.

recence 4.51 pm to 7:48 am Yesterday

Satellife predictions

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MANCHESTER: Dasmas 15TR: (Dec 19).

5.51.5.55; NNW": 85NNW; ESE Catoms' 185R; (Dec 19) 5.21.5.25; N": 35N; ME and 6.59-7.7; NW": 25K; ENE: Exames.

880R: (Dec 19) 7.10-7.15; SSE: 205E-505



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